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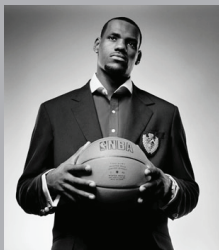
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LEBRON JAMES

Tribute to Ms. Fernandes

By **MARINA NAPOLETANO, I**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I met Ms. Fernandes on the first day of Sixie year. Naturally, I was terrified. There were so many hazards: clogged stairwells, room numbers that did not actually seem to exist, that measly four-minute filling period and the fact that I was dwarfed by 99 percent of everyone. I was trying to find Room 421, a class on my schedule that was titled, "FUND OF MUSIC." "What

does that even mean?" I thought. "There's not even a fourth floor." I was too proud to ask anyone for help.

Eventually and entirely accidentally, I wound up in the right place. Miraculously, I was not late. I sat down and the bell rang. The teacher, a youthful looking woman with coffee and milk skin, introduced herself as Ms. Fernandes and began the usual first class of the year protocol as a few stragglers wandered into the room. Ms. Fernandes was not lenient, "If you're late

again after today, you'll get misdemeanor marks. Find your seats." Seen through my terrified, first-day, sixie eyes, this was harsh. I decided to be afraid of Ms. Fernandes. That fear lasted for a whole hour and a half, because two periods later I had another class with Ms. Fernandes: chorus. It was the first class all day that I left smiling. Thanks to Ms. Fernandes, this still holds true six years later.

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BLS Youth CAN Eat Well

By **AURELIA PAQUETTE, III**
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As you walk into the Boston Latin School dining hall, you are met by a poster of a child consuming a two-foot-wide slice of pizza with visible puddles of oil on it. The text reads, "Overpower your appetite." This poster reflects the problems BLS and many other schools across the nation are facing, in regards to unhealthy school lunches. This year, the BLS Youth Climate Action Network (Youth CAN) has made it their goal to use school lunches as an opportunity to show students which foods are good for their bodies. Not only that, they also hope to teach students about food production's role in ecological and economical systems. Youth CAN has already enlisted BLS in multiple programs designed to improve the school lunches. They have planted edible gardens in front of the school and have made plans to advocate for further improvements to the food we eat.

One of the programs in which

Youth CAN has enrolled BLS, "Farm to School," connects local farmers with schools. This will educate students about real food, provide the dining hall with fresh produce and reduce the energy waste of long-distance food transport. Local pears and apples have already been brought to the dining hall, and on Thursday, October 21, local green beans were distributed by Wolfpack Volunteers. The samples consisted of green beans cooked in two different ways: one roasted with lemon and garlic and the other steamed. They administered questionnaires in order to gather information on behalf of Farm to School. Starting in November, every Thursday there will be a different type of fresh, local produce included in the school lunches.

Youth CAN also applied for and was accepted into the "Chefs Move to Schools" program. It is a component of Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" project that connects local chefs with schools to help plan healthier, tastier menus that use local and sustainable produce. Youth CAN is in the process of deciding which

chef they will ask to come to BLS.

Another major initiative that Youth CAN has undertaken is planting edible gardens. On October 10, Youth CAN performed one of over 7,000 green actions worldwide, installing cold frames and clear-lidded boxes that allow the planted vegetables to survive as the weather grows colder. As Youth CAN president Rebecca Park (II) explains, "The gardens are a way to generate excitement and to show people we don't have to wait for the green roof for a student garden." Youth CAN hopes that eventually the greens from school gardens, supplemented by local produce, will provide the ingredients for a school salad bar, an idea suggested by Ms. Lowney, the head of the BLS cafeteria staff.

Youth CAN also has hopes of Michelle Obama accepting their invitation to be the keynote speaker at their food-themed "5th Annual Global Climate Change Summit" this coming May at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as the nutrition of school lunches is an issue at the top of the agenda for her "Let's Move" campaign against childhood obesity. Until she arrives in person, a life-sized cardboard cutout of the First Lady watches over the majority of Youth CAN's meetings and activities.

Students can show their support for Youth CAN's initiatives for better school food in a couple of ways. They can participate in the "Go Green, Grow Green" poster contest, supporting the idea of student-led edible gardens, with the prize of 100 dollars for the winning entry. Secondly, everyone is invited to attend the Sustainable Food Fair at BLS on Saturday, November 13 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. to help celebrate Youth CAN's annual kick-off for the year. There, students will learn about eating local products, watch food-related films and eat healthy, sustainably grown food. Youth CAN promises a fun day with games, vendors and giveaways, as well as a milestone in a long string of positive changes to the way that students at BLS will view food.



EMBRACE THE GREEN REVOLUTION

CATE ARNOLD

Global News Tidbits

>>The Simpsons family, of the longest-running prime-time TV series in the United States, has now been unmasked by the official Vatican newspaper as a devout Catholic family. According to the Osservatore Romano newspaper, "Homer and Bart are Catholics." Executive producer Al Jean recently told Entertainment Weekly he was in "shock and awe," stating that the Simpsons are "Presbylutherans" and

are devout members of the First Church of Springfield. The assertion was made after a study by a Jesuit priest of an episode titled "The Father, the Son and the Holy Guest Star" revealed that 'The Simpsons' is "among the few TV programs for kids in which Christian faith, religion and questions about God are recurrent themes." Homer and Bart refuse to comment. (Reuters)

>>A beloved piglet was recently seized by Court officer from a woman

living in eastern Russia who owed more than 13,000 roubles (approximately \$432) to local banks. Consumer debt in Russia has proved deleterious to local economies and desperate times have indeed called for desperate measures. A single pig is valued at around 10,000 roubles in the Pacific Coast region of Primorye. 'At the moment [the pig] is awaiting a buyer,' according to the bailiff's representative. (Reuters)

>>Liu Wei won first place at "China's Got Talent" after mesmerizing the

crowd with his performance of "You're Beautiful" on the piano. If you consider your ability to play the timeless classic impressive, try playing it... with your feet! Wei, a resident of Beijing, was electrocuted during a childhood game of hide-and-seek and lost both his arms. Beating Zhang Fenxi, a 7-year-old standup comedian and his closest competitor, Wei went on to win over the hearts of the judges with his infectious optimism, saying, "At least I have a pair of perfect legs." (Reuters)

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Editor's Note

WHAT'S UP BOS-
TON LATIN SCHOO?
I'm sure that some of you
read our mini-issue, but
for those who did not, wel-
come to the Argo! This is
Reed McConnell speaking,
one of your new co-editor-
in-chiefs (the other being
Andy Vo, who is lame and
therefore is spending his
time being lame rather
than writing this fantastic
editor's note).

This production
week has been a little
less craycray than usual.
Amidst laughing over vid-
eos of Christine O'Donnell
and Sharron Angle, (not) freaking out
over the trailer for Paranormal Activity 2
(LAME!), and doing a whole lot of impor-
tant editor-in-chiefy things, Andy and I
still found time to indulge in some of our
favorite pastimes--in Andy's case, reading
Tolstoy (his favorite Russian of all time),



and in mine, enjoying a past issue of our
very own Argo.

Besides our reading material, Andy
and I are also excited about a lot of the ar-
ticles in this issue. There are pieces across
the sections that discuss bullying, from an
article in Science & Technology about a

possible bullying gene
to a versus addressing
the issue of bullying
here at BLS. News has
an interesting article
about the miners, and
sports has articles cov-
ering so many school
teams that I don't even
know where to begin!
Finally, on more a seri-
ous note, A&E has a
wonderful tribute to
Ms. Fernandes, whose
untimely death shocked
and deeply upset our
school community.

So enjoy! I hope
you have as much fun
reading this issue as we had putting it
together (and none of the stress, angst,
hair-pulling, or late night pizza-eating that
we so bravely endured...).

Reed McConnell
Your Less-Lame Editor-in-Chief

Tyler Clementi

BY WINNIE ZHANG, II
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Growing up in Ridgetown, New
Jersey, Tyler Clementi was a kind and
humble young man of 18 years. Although
described as shy by friends and classmates,
Clementi was able to
express himself through
the violin. "The violin
was his voice," said his
former violin teacher,
Arelene Locola. Clem-
enti was a member of
the Ridgewood Sym-
phony Orchestra and
had won many scholar-
ships for his superior
musical abilities.

In September,
Clementi enrolled at
Rutgers University.
Like many other fresh-
men, Clementi was a
bit reserved and was
just beginning to build
relationships. He was eager, however, to
participate in the Rutgers Symphony Or-
chestra, appearing to have found his place
on campus. When Clementi took his own
life, it came as a shock to many.

On September 22, Clementi jumped
from the George Washington Bridge in
an apparent suicide. This followed an
invasion of privacy in which Clementi's
roommate, Dharun Ravi, 18 years old,

streamed his intimate affairs with another
man live on the Internet. According to
investigators, Ravi had secretly placed
a camera in the room he shared with
Clementi, intent upon recording and
sharing Clementi's sexual encounter.
On Ravi's Twitter account, he posted:



TYLER CLEMENTI, A YOUNG MAN DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY BULLYING

"Roommate asked for the room till
midnight. I went into molly's room and
turned on my webcam. I saw him making
out with a dude. Yay."

Clementi had suspicions regarding
his roommate's actions and sought help
from his resident assistant. He had also
posted an entry on a gay online chat for-
um, seeking advice about his obnoxious
roommate. Before the situation could

be resolved, however, Clementi jumped
to his death. On the day of his death,
Clementi posted as his Facebook status,
"Jumping off gw bridge sorry."

People from across the country and
throughout the world have expressed out-
rage over Clementi's death. It is the fourth
suicide in three weeks related to gay
bullying in the country. The Facebook
page, "In Honor of Tyler Clementi,"
already has almost 140 thousand
members. Celebrities are also taking
part in spurring anti-bullying activ-
ism in America, especially bullying
directed towards homosexual teen-
agers. Online columnist Dan Savage
has asked gay adults to upload videos
onto YouTube, with the message "It
Gets Better."

Although it is impossible to
hold someone responsible for anoth-
er's suicide, it is likewise difficult to
ignore the possibility that Clementi
was bullied to death. In the aftermath
of Clementi's suicide as well as many
other teen suicides in recent weeks,
state legislatures across the country have
toughened up criminal penalties for bul-
lying. 44 states have enacted anti-school
bullying laws with even stronger proce-
dures for preventing, reporting and ad-
dressing school bullying on the way. Ravi
and a fellow student at Rutgers, Molly
Wei, 18 years old, were both charged with
invasion of privacy, and they face up to
five years in prison.



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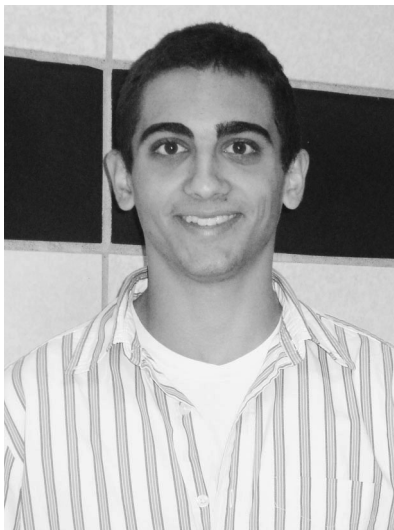
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JACK TAN (U)

I can taste it, 2011. We are that close. After five, three, four, six or however many years it has taken to get here, we are here and that is all that really matters now. It has been coming for a long, long time, but I am getting ahead of myself. There are people I need to thank

for the fact that I am writing this little letter right now. Thank you, Paige Caruthers, for convincing me to run again when I was sure I had no chance. Thank you, Nick D’Agostino, for being a legendary campaign manager. Thank you, Andy Vo, Jake Goldklang, Kevin Baptista, Gabe Diop, Rory O’Donnell and Jonathan Ondrejko for being awesome competitors and caring enough about the class to run for office. I know that whoever won would have made this year great for us.

Honestly, this year is going to be great no matter what I do, or any other class officer does. It is senior year, and it is meant to be great; that is just beginning to dawn on me now. This is the year we look back on and remember for years and years. This is the year that makes up for the rest of high school—the year where you have a better time than you have ever had before—and no college applications, essays or the like are going to change

that fact.

Now this should be the part where I tell you about all of the awesome things we get to do now that we are seniors. The complication is that those awesome things do not exist—yet. That is something I really do hope to change for 2011, 2012 and the many classes that follow because we deserve it. It is an idea I have repeated time and time again. As Boston Latin School kids, we deserve it. For pulling all nighters, for studying long hours and still barely passing, for taking five tests in one day and for filling out the same emergency card twenty times so far, we deserve it. So we are going to get a privilege or two. We can start out small, with lunches outside like 2010 had, but we will expand from there. There are a lot of privileges we want, so I am going to try and make a few of them happen.

While senior year means we only have a few more months until freedom, it also means that we only have a few

more months until a separation of sorts. After we graduate, when will you see your math buddy again? When is the next time you and that-kid-you-did-not-really-know-well-but-always-thought-was-kind-cool are going to hang out? These next few months mean we have a responsibility. Not to our school, our teachers or our parents, but we have a responsibility to ourselves. We have a responsibility to ourselves to make the most out of our senior year because high school only happens once, and it is not something you want to have pass by. So, introduce yourself to someone today. Make a new friend at BLS while you can. Live it up while it is possible.

So yeah, I can taste that freedom, but this does not mean that I am going to try and rush through this year. I want to take it slow, enjoy it while it lasts and have the time of my life with my favorite people in the world: the Class of 2011.

Vice President Tatiana Joyce



JACK TAN (U)

It is mind-blowing for me to sit down and actually type this address to the entirety of Boston Latin School. Five years later, three for some, and here we are. To the class of 2011, we are in the building; our presence is felt, our dreams

are growing wings, and our imaginations are soaring. We were seniors together before the campaign, seniors together during the campaign, and we are here together now. I feel privileged to be the Vice President of the Senior Class of 2011, and I am humbled by the trust that my peers have bestowed upon me. It is truly an honor to be elected, and I want to share a phrase with you that has been etched into my mind, “E Pluribus Unum,” out of many, one. Out of 14 original candidates, the majority of you voted for me, and I thank you. To those who did not vote for me, I will strive to make you change your opinion because to me, each senior matters.

I know that each senior class has claimed to be the best to ever walk the halls of BLS, but now that I am a senior, I personally understand where that intense burst of pride comes from. Through all of the sleepless nights, the frantic mornings and the never-ending afternoons, we have

persevered and earned the right to be at the highest level of the hierarchal society that is high school. We are the cream of the crop. I can say with conviction that we are the best—not only because we are seniors, but because of who we are. Over the years, I have come to learn more and more about the type of people that make up the Class of 2011. As individuals, we all have different personalities: some outgoing, some not so much. In spite of our extensive diversity, I have learned that we are a group of highly generous people who do not think twice about coming together and supporting each other when it is time to raise money for a charity, club or sports team. I am not saying we are perfect because we all know that there has been a fair share of occasional drama, but many of us have learned to leave that in the past. We have grown up.

But enough dwelling on the past. We will have plenty of time to reminisce

at graduation. Right now I am your V.P. But why did you all elect me? I think it is because I have shown myself to be the responsible and reliable person you can all trust to support the President and other class officers. I am V.P. because I respect the fact that you all have lives, and I am here to meet you halfway. We need senior-specific information to be given out to all the senior homerooms. A simple extra sheet of paper will help keep seniors on track and aware of deadlines. Senior year is expensive; we all know this to be a fact. If you do not believe me, go ask Mr. Montague. We need to stay on the ball and fundraise. New T-shirts are in order since “375” was literally the shirt of last year. But I will not bore you with more tedious details. I am here to make senior year easier for everyone, including myself—to ensure that we have an unforgettable year. I mean, let us be honest, on a scale of one to ten, we are eleven, so we have to live it up.

Not Your Typical Miner Problem

By DANIEL QIU, IV
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The sudden and unexpected collapse of a mine in Chile trapped thirty-three miners about half a mile underground on August 5. Buried under 700,000 tons of rock for the next two and a half months, the miners were especially difficult to rescue, as they were located in the lower reaches of the mine. A delicate but time-consuming rescue operation was decided upon as the best option.

On October 12, a missile-shaped rescue capsule was finally launched down a hole to where the miners were trapped. Watching the steam rush from that hole into the dry desert air, rescuers and families began to worry about the intolerably hot and humid conditions the miners had to endure.

Before putting the capsule to work, rescuers performed test rides to assure that any one miner would not be harmed inside the capsule. Rescue coordinator Andre

Sougarett informed reporters that the only danger was the small possibility of a rock falling and blocking the capsule path. After multiple trials, the rescuers and families were at last convinced the operation would be successful.

The first miner to be rescued was Florencio Avalos after sixty-nine intense days of anxiety and desperation was Florencio Avalos. As he stepped out of the rescue capsule, he embraced his wife, two sons, and father. “We made a promise to

never surrender, and we kept it,” Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said as he waited to greet the miners.

Luis Urzua, the last miner to be rescued, was especially commended for his bravery. With his leadership, miners survived seventeen days without any contact with the outside world. He also helped ration out forty-eight hours’ worth of food between all thirty-three miners before rescuers were able to send more food and supplies down to them. Because of this young man’s initiative and courage, the miners survived on scant supplies while waiting for additional provisions.

What makes their survival so outstanding is that no one has ever been trapped underground for so long and survived. “We made a promise to never surrender, and we kept it” echoed throughout Chile. A special thanks was paid to rescue coordinators, whose determination kept everyone’s hope alive. They firmly believed that the order of the rescue wasn’t so important as long as everyone was brought to safety and would have considered their mission a failure if a single person had been left behind.

The mission came to a close as miners were taken to hospitals for examinations and therapy. No one was critically injured.



RESCUED MINERS GREET FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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Secretary Lily Wu



Hello, Class of 2011! Before I do anything else, I want to thank everyone who ran in the elections, everyone who helped me with my campaign and all

the people who had to put up with my insecurities over the past couple weeks. I did not have a campaign manager, but I did have some really supportive people to guide me through this entire election. It was an incredibly stressful couple of weeks. The elections this year came with a lot of blood, sweat and tears, but I want to say to my fellow seniors that regardless, I think that all four of us can and will do a great job for you guys. These next seven months are going to be a roller coaster in both a good and a bad way.

Now, it may be cliché to say this, but I really have to. We are finally seniors. By June, we will all have ended a chapter of our lives and we will be ready to start a new one. Seven months from now, each and every one of us (hopefully!) will be walking across that stage to receive our high school diplomas. It is hard not to gloat at the underclassmen and tell them that there is no reason to complain because we have served our time. I have heard at the

very least a handful of seniors complain that “it doesn’t feel like we’re seniors.” It is probably because being at Boston Latin School has been a path of gradual maturation; when we look around us, we do not see the faces of the young adults that we have become. To us, we might as well be the scared sixies or B-sies that arrived at the school years ago. It is absolutely surreal to look around and know who almost every teacher is and where every office is. It is crazy to think that we have actually become the seniors whom we had admired for five long years. We are the praefects now. We are the library aides now. We are also the ones in the nurse’s office, guidance office and main office. We are the ones that say, “Hi,” to Officer Manny or to Kevin the Custodian and we are the ones who listen to his stories.

We, however, are also the ones with the most work. This year is going to be stressful and expensive. The class ring, the yearbook, the cap and gown,

the exam fees and the actual application fees can add up to well over 2,000 dollars, as our headmaster so thoughtfully informed us. Then add prom expenses to that at the end of the year. Why not reduce some of those expenses and have some fun while we are at it? Never fear, the senior officers are here! We are here to make sure that we reduce at least a little bit of the stress that we all have on our shoulders, whether it is keeping you updated on events or deadlines or having great fundraisers so that we can keep our wallets intact in the long run. All of us have great ideas that we are excited to put into action, and of course we are always open to new ideas from all of you. After all, we are working with you guys, not for you guys. We all want to have an absolutely amazing senior year. We have less than a year left. So let’s go out with a bang. We are going to have fun, and we know it.

Treasurer Helen Zhao



Oh hey there, best looking and most talented Class of 2011! Thank you for placing your trust in me by electing me as your senior class treasurer! This whole

campaign was a bunch of fun and a great experience overall. (For those underclassmen out there, you should definitely consider running for office during your senior year because whether you win or lose, it is worth it). The support throughout this whole campaign was unbelievable. People I have rarely talked to approached me in the hallways to wish me luck and that really meant the world to me. I really hope that in these next few months we all can come together as a class and break down the barriers of these so-called “cliques.” For those of you who do not already know, I am originally from New Hampshire, and I came to Boston Latin School not knowing a single soul. However, within days I felt like I was a part of the Class of 2011, and that feeling has only grown stronger as the years have gone by. We each have our own little role here, and we play an integral part to the overall success of school clubs, sports and other organizations. We all matter, and believe it or not, we have

all made a difference in this school. Five long years have gone by already, and as the 376th graduating class, we are going to rock this final year together. We all know what it is like to sit through six hours of classes after getting only four hours of sleep. We all know what it is like to spend three-fourths of lunchtime waiting in line for a burnt slice of pizza. We all know what it is like to run around the school looking for a bathroom with toilet paper. And pretty soon, we will all know what it feels like to cross that stage at the Banknorth Pavilion and say “We made it!” As seniors, we have spent about one-third of our lives together at Boston Latin School, and much has changed within the past five years. Some have grown taller, while others have not (like me). Some have left the school, but the 383 of us still remain. Most of us have found our circle of friends, even though some of us may be drifters. No matter what happens in these next few months, or even for the

rest of your life, you will have always be a member of the amazing Class of 2011. Personally, I have been overwhelmed by school and college applications, but I am sure that I am not alone. Just don’t lose sight of what is to come because there is so much to look forward to! We have pep rally, college acceptances, spring break, prom, and of course, graduation! Oh, and don’t forget to add the little fundraisers and flea markets into the mix. So thanks again, 2011, for your support and your trust! I won’t let you down, I promise! Congratulations to Nelson, Tatiana, and Lily—I’m sure we’ll make a great team and do our best to serve you all! But I also want to say congratulations to everyone who ran for office because it is evident that everyone put a lot of time and effort into their campaigns. I can safely say that 2011 has made campaign history with its websites, raps and yummy treats. Yay, 2011! I have said it before, and I will say it again: we are amazing, and it is finally our time to shine!

Let's Go Clubbing

KENNETH CRUZ, IV
STAFF WRITER

Once again, the day when all of Boston Latin School crowds into the dining hall has passed.. This year, the extracurricular fair showcased a variety of new clubs as well as many old favorites.

One of the new clubs is BLS United States Children’s Fund (UNICEF), advised by Mrs. Gribaudo. The club holds meetings in Room 030 on Thursdays. Co-President Annie Zhang explained, “Our purpose and goals are to raise awareness about global humanitarian issues, to communicate with public officials to affect legislation, and to raise funds to further the work of UNICEF.” Their fundraisers include the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign, in which students trick-or-treat to raise money for underprivileged children in other countries. The club arose last spring, but it is now official, and they have big plans. The primary focus of UNICEF is the well-being of children and their families in developing nations.

Another recently created club is the BLS Youth Diversity Alliance (YDA). The club meets on Fridays from 2:30 to 4:00 with Ms. Rodriguez-Sweeney (Homeroom 201) as its advisor, in different locations. The president, Emily Chang (II) stated, “The Youth Diversity Alliance generates

awareness surrounding diversity and social justice, provides opportunities for socially responsible leadership and fashions tangible, meaningful change in the Greater Boston community.” During meetings, members discuss social issues such as race, religion and social class. One of their activities was a race workshop, in which club members of all different races wrote down anonymously what their views on other races were. The club tries to address the barriers formed between races in Boston. One of their main goals is to break down injustices among Boston youth, including those here at BLS.

Joining them is the Hip Hop Appreciation Club, also known as “Cypher.” The meetings are held in the electronic classroom on Wednesdays after school, with Mr. Watson as the faculty advisor. “Cypher” is a club where students can come together to show their



passion for hip hop. The first meeting included a mini rap session among new members. Previously, there were not any organizations for amateur rappers or hip hop aspirants, and so there was an urge for such a club. “When [you step] into the electronic classroom during a meeting, there are many people who share [your] passion for rap and hip hop,” said Daniel Imahiyero (I). The club officers are Daniel Imahiyero (I), Nick Cameron (I) and Kevin Baptista (I). Their

goal as a club is to encourage self-expression through different forms of hip hop.

For those who are interested in getting up and moving around, there is the Vietnamese Traditional Martial Arts Club. The co-founder and president, Tri Hoang (IV) explained, “We seek to enrich the students with traditional martial arts.” Vo co truyen Viet Nam (Vietnamese Martial Arts) is different from the BLS’s established martial arts club in that it forms its own style and technique. The meetings will be held on Tuesdays in Room 028 with Mr. Gibbons advising, starting after first term. “You don’t have to be strong or fast; the point of the club is to make you stronger and faster,” explained Tri. The other officers are George Hyunh (IV), Kenshin Okubo (I), Jonathan Phan (I) and Thinh Nguyen (I). They plan on teaching how increasing one’s “Chi” by practicing martial arts can improve relaxation. Their motto is, “Weak vs. Strong, One vs. Many, Small vs. Big.” This club, like other up and coming clubs, has high expectations and many plans for the coming year.

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Caught in the Web

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It is no surprise that the Internet has taken a significant role in our daily lives, but when we have over 30 billion hours spent on the internet per month, it may be time to start wondering whether our Internet usage is becoming somewhat of an obsession.

As of October 2010, there are two billion people contributing to those 30 billion hours spent on the internet. Out of these two billion people, approximately 250 million show signs of problematic use. Scientists have a name for this obsession:



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IAD, or Internet Addiction Disorder. The term was first proposed jokingly in 1995 when the number of internet users was at a low 39 million, but recently it has been seriously considered as a new name for internet overuse. Medical associations, however, have not been so keen on formally dubbing internet addiction as a disorder. “Overuse,” after all, does not necessarily indicate an unhealthy obsession.

Which leads to the questions: What is Internet overuse? What is Internet addiction? It probably suggests more than lounging around on Facebook and spamming your best friend’s wall. If you spend so much time on the internet that it gets in the way of your real life, then yes, you might be slightly overusing the internet. This, however, still is not classified as a case of IAD. The doctors with the white coats come in when you are compulsively and obsessively stuck to the computer screen, affecting your real-world friendships, relationships or even your job (30 percent of companies have actually fired employees due to internet addiction). IAD, however, is not completely random. According to the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery, most

internet addicts become addicts because they turn to a fantasy world of web pages in order to avoid emotional problems such as depression, anxiety disorders and/or overwhelming stress. The end result, unfortunately, is only a temporary alleviation from those problems. Like all disorders (or in this case, all cases considered to be possible disorders), there are negative side effects.

China serves as a prime example of the “dark side” of internet addiction. A few years ago, judges in Beijing declared that 90 percent of all juvenile crimes were related to the Internet, with almost one-fifth of the teenage population addicted

to the Internet. Right behind China is South Korea, with one-third of its teenage population running the risk of internet addiction. Measures have been taken to “cure” Internet addiction in several Chinese provinces. While content-control software and counseling are widely used to prevent internet addiction, these Chinese provinces have turned to a different strategy: recovery camps. Until recently, these camps often used harsh physical punishment to discipline internet addicts. After an incident in August 2009, when one boy sent to a camp died and another hospitalized from abusive treatment, physical punishment as a disciplinary method was banned. Many unlicensed camps, however, are still operating with violent measures, and internet addiction is still viewed as a huge problem.

Although the internet may cause many issues, it has unquestionably saved us massive amounts of time and has provided more information than accessible in the past. The fact remains, nevertheless, that the number of people becoming addicted to the internet is rising, and internet addiction has the potential to become a serious problem in the near future.

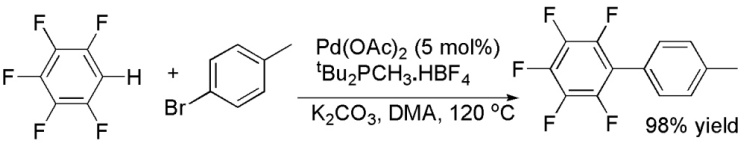
No Bull Achievements

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Last week, the Nobel Committee announced the winners of the Chemistry and Medicine Nobel prizes in Stockholm, Sweden. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to three scientists, while the Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to one person.

In early October, the Nobel Prize committee announced that scientist Robert G. Edwards was the winner of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing in-vitro fertilization (IVF). IVF is a treatment for women with infertility, which affects over 10 percent of couples. It involves taking a donor egg from a surrogate mother and fertilizing it with sperm in a fluid in a petri dish. Once the egg is fertilized, it is implanted back into the uterus. Edwards began his research in the early 1950s, and it was in 1969 when he finally successfully fertilized a human egg. It was in 1978, however, when the first “test-tube” baby, Louise Brown, was born after a full-term pregnancy. This ushered in a new era of reproductive medicine. Approximately four million people have been born thanks to in-vitro fertilization, a testament to the safety and success of IVF.

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding IVF as well. Many eggs are fertilized, and only one is implanted in the woman. The others are either discarded



YEAH, WE DON'T GET IT EITHER.

or used for research. This has sparked outcry from anti-abortion groups and the Catholic Church, which believe that any fertilized egg is a human being and thus deserves the right to live. They make the argument that IVF is akin to “playing God,” since it gives people the ability to effectively “choose” their baby. Edwards has said that his research and its results abide by ethical guidelines. The debate over whether or not an embryo has the right to life, however, is a discussion for elsewhere.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences also announced that the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to three researchers: Richard F. Heck, Ei-ichi Negishi and Akira Suzuki for their work in “palladium-catalyzed cross couplings in organic synthesis.” All life on Earth is

based on carbon and the bonds it forms with other elements. By assembling the carbon atoms into chains, complex molecules can be formed. If scientists tried to assemble these molecules normally, that is, one by one, it would take many years to synthesize a substantial amount. There are, however, some substances that catalyze these reactions and make them occur at a greatly increased rate. These three researchers used palladium, a metal that is normally used in cars, to create this reaction. In a nutshell, two carbon atoms in a molecule bond to palladium. This draws the two carbons very close, which causes them to bond to each other, forming a carbon bond. The palladium is “set free” and goes on to catalyze more reactions. Heck, Negishi and Suzuki all developed different reactions involving palladium. The reason why this discovery is so important is that complex organic (carbon-based) molecules are notoriously hard to synthesize in the laboratory. Using palladium cross-coupling, scientists can create and mass-produce many chemicals, including antibiotics, anti-viral compounds and anti-cancer medicines from scratch. For example, there was a deep-sea sponge discovered that produced a chemical called discodermolide has a huge potential as an anti-cancer drug. Due to limited quantities, clinical trials stopped. With palladium cross-couplings, chemists were able to synthesize it from scratch, allowing trials to resume.

Another example is a chemical with the potential to stop herpes and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Even the electronics industry uses palladium cross-coupling in the manufacturing of components for organic light emitting diode screens (OLED screens) to make two millimeter thin televisions. Palladium catalyzed cross-couplings will have a profound impact on chemistry and everyday life, for there is an ever increasing need for the complex molecules these reactions are able to mass-produce. Many pharmaceutical drugs and other compounds would not exist without this reaction.

In short, this year’s Nobel Prizes were dedicated to people who developed new procedures in science that have changed the lives of millions of people. The effects of those procedures are visible every day and will continue to be so in the future.

Hearing (F)aid

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It is generally known that listening to an iPod on full blast is not a good idea.

For starters, it can be extremely distracting to the people nearby. Who has not encountered a scenario in which some obnoxious person had music pounding from their earphones? The main problem, however, arises not from contempt for the person who seemingly has the need to share his playlist with everyone, but from the health risks involved in the prolonged exposure to loud music. A study referenced in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that one in every five teenagers now suffers from some form of hearing loss, a 30 percent increase from the past decade.

Unsurprisingly, this has been linked to the frequent use of portable music players. Apparently, setting the volume high enough can cause permanent damage to one’s hearing—but how high is too high?

The ear can catch vibrations anywhere from 0 to 140 decibels (db). 20 db is the equivalent of whispering, and typical conversations range around 60 db. The National Institute of Health states that sounds exceeding 85 db can be potentially harmful. iPods have an output of about 100 db at maximum volume. Researchers have found that hearing loss can result after 20 minutes of exposure at that degree. With over 150 million iPod users out there, this translates into a possible widespread auditory impairment. It is no wonder that Apple has faced numerous lawsuits over the

safety of its devices in past years.

On the other hand, perhaps portable music players are only partially to blame, since there are a variety of reasons for hearing impairment. Health experts also attribute hearing loss to high levels of stress, insomnia and weight problems. Genetics also play a role in determining whether a person is susceptible to ear infections and other defects.

According to the notion of Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (NHL), everyday sounds, such as those originating from traffic, the hallways at school and televisions, are at safe levels. Sound is only detrimental when the ear is exposed to sudden, deafening or continuous loud noise. Damage arising from uninterrupted, deafening sound is underestimated and ignored because the ear automatically adjusts

its sensitivity level to perceive less noise.

What exactly can be done to counteract the negative sources of hearing loss? In this modern age of widely-available music, it is unlikely that people will stop or even cut down on time spent listening to music. Improvements in battery life and the popularity of audio players only encourage further listening. Nevertheless, one good piece of advice is to invest in sound-canceling headsets. These headphones “jam” sounds in your surroundings, providing a more quiet listening experience. This, in turn, would allow a reduction in the headset volume, reducing the risk of hearing loss.

To those who love to blast music or just listen to it casually, one thing is for certain: if you overstep your limits, then expect to swap those ear buds for hearing aids in the near future.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Bullying Linked to Genetics

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As a student here, you may assume that Boston Latin School is above “bullying,” at least to some extent. Our environment fosters brotherhood and sisterhood. Our mission statement encourages “responsible and engaged citizenship.” Initiatives such as the BLS Respect Initiative aim to minimize bullying or any kind of mistreatment by campaigning and raising awareness; even the government has drafted and passed anti-bullying legislation. Indeed, all sorts of efforts that crack down on bullying exist in our school, but such misdeeds still occur. Despite efforts to prevent it, bullying has simply become an action born from natural human impulse.

Bullying can imply more than stereotypical physical violence. Imagine a student being isolated from his/her peers for some arbitrary reason—she does not wear the same clothes, or he does not play

the same sports. The stigma surrounding social exclusion does not properly illustrate the severity of some forms of bullying. The mistreatment that bullied children experience may be subtle, but the underlying motives are obvious. These motives eventually give rise to emotional distress that can exceed even the effects of physical abuse. In fact, new studies suggest that emotional suffering can actually be enhanced by one’s genetic makeup.

Scientists recently discovered that a gene called 5-HTTLPR (serotonin-transporter-linked promoter region) makes a type of protein that may aggravate the level of emotional suffering a victim of bullying can experience. It is a “polymorphic” gene, meaning it is expressed in every human being. The sequence of the gene, however, can differ between individuals; thus, certain sequences cause some people to be more vulnerable to bullying than others. In this case, those with two short copies of this gene are more

likely to suffer from emotional and mental abuse than those with one long copy and one short copy or with two long copies. Scientists proposed that the short copies of the gene trigger the release of stress-related hormones, which may be another reason for emotional dilemma. In the experiment, about one-third of bullied children with two short copies had extreme difficulties coping with emotional abuse, whereas 29 percent of children with one short copy and 15 percent of those with no short copies had less difficulty.

The researchers also found that as the frequency of emotional suffering increases, the gene becomes more responsive, causing problems to worsen. In severe cases, these people can become depressed.

In a study of sets of twins who had two short copies of the gene, scientists refuted the argument that previous emotional conditions played a big role in bringing about emotional strain in bullied children. For their studies, they

found sets of twins in which one child was frequently bullied, while the other was not. Not surprisingly, the bullied twin experienced suffering while the other was totally fine. They also contrasted the emotional symptoms of the bullied twin and those of children with long copies of the gene and found that the former had much severer problems. The results explicitly showed that the 5-HTTLPR gene in the bullied twin contributed to his/her emotional dilemma and that the gene must interact with the environment to generate such problems.

This research, of course, is not to say that our heredity monitors every aspect of our being. There are still many environmental factors that affect a person’s personality and sensitivity, and one can always learn to deal with his/her personal problems through self-examination and assistance from others. This study, however, does shed light on the importance of being aware of genetic differences and the consequences of not being aware.

Thirsty?

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Water. It is a simple chemical compound composed of one oxygen atom bonded to two hydrogen atoms. It is the one compound whose molecular formula we all know before stepping into chemistry class. It covers three-fourths of the earth and makes up at least half of our body. It is home to a boundless number of different organisms, known and unknown to us. No living creature can live without water.

As Bostonians, our water supply primarily comes from rain and snow collected in the watersheds of the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs. As a result, we can enjoy cool water from a faucet on a hot, stuffy day. Water is not only an undeniable right, but also a readily accessible resource. An average American uses around 100 gallons of water every day. In Florida, each golf course uses 3000 gallons of water just for grass maintenance. We cannot separate ourselves from water, yet in

other parts of the world, getting water is an everyday struggle. On the other side of the world, millions of impoverished people live on only five gallons a day. One out of eight people lacks access to clean water. In developing countries, women walk an average of 3.7 miles daily to get water. For those in northern Kenya, this might mean spending eight hours a day fetching water from a dirty and unsafe river that is becoming exhausted by ongoing droughts.

A few months ago, a major water pipe in Weston burst, forcing many Bostonians to use distilled, bottled or boiled water. Americans take the privilege of water for granted. A significant number of people in developing countries lack access to clean water; more than five million die each year due to diseases such as cholera and dysentery, which can be prevented with clean water supplies.

How can this be, when so much water covers our planet? The water cycle naturally replenishes the earth, but 97 percent of that is salt water. Two

percent of the water on earth is frozen in ice sheets and glaciers, leaving only a fraction of a percent for fresh water in rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs and underground. Global warming has also been a disrupting factor, causing severe droughts and melting glaciers. In addition, the unregulated use of groundwater, such as the over-pumping of aquifers, has caused scientists to worry about the future. According to a United Nations study, 2.7 billion people will be affected by heavy water shortages by 2025 if the current rate of water consumption remains unchanged.

All around the world people are experiencing the effects of taking too



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much water, but returning too little, and they are trying to correct it. As 70 percent of the world’s fresh water supply goes to agriculture, scientists have begun to research more efficient irrigation methods. Farmers have been gradually replacing flood irrigation with water-conserving drip irrigation or micro-sprinkler systems. A large group of people have been looking to restore India’s traditional rainwater collection system of underground storage tanks and dams for local villages and farms.

In metropolitan areas, repairing aging infrastructure can make a big impact. The longest water tunnel that supplies water to New York City leaks up to 35 million gallons a day. Boston, Seattle and Albuquerque have reduced water demand from 20 to 25 percent by simply making replacements or repairs to plumbing. Alternative supplies of water can also be found in the desalination and recycling of waste water. In fact, reducing the world’s water footprint may be just as important as reducing its carbon footprint.

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Electronic Arts’ (EA) Medal of Honor, a reboot of the series of the same name, was released this month. Unlike its predecessors, which focused on the European and Pacific fronts of World War II, Medal of Honor is set in the early years of the War in Afghanistan. Players take the role of a covert Tier One operative, a United States Army Ranger. Although players have praised the game for its realism and engaging game play, Medal of Honor has been under fire for several controversies surrounding it. Its release could not have been more appropriate, coinciding with the news of drone strikes and the accidental deaths of Pakistani soldiers. The war itself has been a particularly touchy subject since Barack Obama authorized a troop surge in 2009. Accidental civilian deaths, Taliban insurgencies and an intricate struggle against al-Qaeda, however, have always been problems surrounding the War in Afghanistan.

EA has taken a great risk by portraying the grim brutality of the War in Afghanistan. Instead of sugarcoating the conflict to appease conservative gamers, it portrays the realities of war. EA has even hired former Tier One

thinking when they released Medal of Honor?

The most scathing detail, however, in Medal of Honor is its multiplayer mode. Naturally, every conflict needs a villain. Since it is set in the War in Afghanistan, these villains just so happen to be the Taliban. Players can not only shoot Taliban militants, but can also play their roles in the game’s multiplayer mode. Even the infamous Improvised Explosive Devices, which have claimed countless American lives, are available as weapons to gamers playing the Taliban.

Due to the inclusion of the Taliban in the multiplayer mode, Medal of Honor has been banned from sale at U.S. military bases and has outraged not only critics, but also families of U.S. military personnel. These protests prompted EA to change the name of enemies in the game from “Taliban” to the much more ambiguous “Opposing Force.” The very first game of the once ubiquitous Medal of Honor series has also raised a similar controversy, depicting the horrors of the D-Day landing in Normandy. Even though Medal of Honor is historically accurate, why would EA suffer through the controversy by setting the game in Afghanistan, especially during these delicate times?



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operatives as consultants to recreate a realistic experience. Everything from the terrain to the enemies has been meticulously crafted for the player to roam and destroy. Why would EA want to recreate a faltering war against a notoriously elusive enemy? What were they

dog game like Medal of Honor needs in order to compete with Call of Duty: Black Ops and Halo Reach. Will Medal of Honor be crippled by all this bad press, or will the controversy and attention it has received actually help its sales?

The simple answer to these questions is that a game like Medal of Honor was long overdue. Since the invasion of Iraq, countless video games have been released about the Iraq War, which was highly unpopular at its outset. In fact, some game industry experts say that controversy is exactly what an under-

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Is there bullying at BLS?



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Yes

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Bullying is any intentional behavior meant to belittle someone or cause them fear or anxiety. It represents an imbalance of power. That power can be physical or emotional, real or perceived. The reason most people think that bullying is not a big problem at this school is that they are limiting their definition to physical bullying. If you have ever had a textbook or iPod stolen in school, you’ve experienced bullying. If a group of your friends has intentionally left you out of something just to upset you, you have experienced bullying. There are different types of bullying: verbal bullying ranges from taunting to verbal assault, indirect bullying includes starting a rumor and passing one on, and cyber bullying is the use of any social networking device—cell phones, Facebook, Formspring and Twitter to make someone else feel inferior. Possibly the most damaging of them all is relational bullying—when a friend or group of friends uses their close relationship with that person to hurt them.

If all of these things are bullying, and they are all very much a part of teenage life, why do people doubt that there is bullying at our school? We are so ingrained with the idea of bullying being physical, bodily harm that it is hard to see the things happening around us as bullying. One RESPECT Initiative officer even said that he/she didn’t think the school had a bullying problem until he/she joined the club and began picking up on the way people treat each other, and the various behaviors that can be considered bullying.

The most common types of bullying within the school are verbal and relational. A huge amount of the verbal bullying is aimed at students’ sexual orientations. In a school that prides itself on tolerance, this is disturbing, especially in the wake of the tragedies in Texas and New Jersey. The relational bullying at school happens mostly among girls, and is harder to identify and to stop because it occurs within groups of friends. After all, what teenage girl is going to admit that her friends are ganging up on her? The philosophy has always been that it’s better to be part of a group and miserable than to have no friends at all.

If bullying is such a big part of everyone’s life, why isn’t it taken more seriously? There are a few reasons for this. One is that “bullying” has strictly taken on a childish connotation. Well, let me phrase this in a different way: harassment, hazing, threatening, theft and assault and battery are just a few types of bullying. Also, it is easy for the upperclassmen, who know each other well, to claim that bullying is not a problem from where they stand. Go back for a minute to your Sixie year. With this new, broader definition of bullying, try and tell me that bullying wasn’t a problem back then. News flash: times haven’t changed. This year’s Sixies are still navigating the same scary “who-am-I-going-to-be-friends-with-for-the-next-six-years?” experiences that we dealt with back then. I think we owe it to them to do something about it. Also, being older doesn’t put you above bullying. As we grow up, we begin to behave differently. Bullying may take on a different form in tenth grade than in eighth, but that doesn’t make it less harmful or less of a problem.

The third and final reason that bullying is not recognized or solved in our generation is technology. Today’s gadgets—which kids live by—offer an infinite number of ways to harass someone anonymously. Even if the harassment is not anonymous, people feel safer and more powerful sitting behind a computer and typing something to or about someone than they would saying it to that person’s face. Have we completely lost our ability to communicate with each other? Now, instead of fighting with your best friend in person, you might oust some embarrassing information about them on Facebook and wait for it to get back to them. Since when did it become okay to treat other people this way? I don’t care how mad you are at someone, or who stabbed you in the back recently. Sending hate messages through texting, Facebook or any other communication device is wrong. Bullying is not only very present at BLS, but it has also become an epidemic across the country. Denying that the problem exists isn’t going to help anyone. The only solution is to start recognizing bullying behaviors in others as well as in ourselves and put a stop to the put-downs.

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In recent years, there have been several suicides involving bullying, and this has caused a nationwide outcry for school accountability. In response to this, one of the goals of Boston Latin School this year seems to be putting a muzzle on bullies. Of course, there has always been bullying in schools, and certainly, teachers have never approved of it. Everyone knows what the classic image of a bully is: a boy who looks about ten years too old for his grade, sporting a military-ready haircut, a leather jacket and a constant glare in his eyes, who beats up kids for lunch money. Now, however, the image isn’t so cut and dry. These days, bullies are using the same tools as everyone else to communicate with their peers: social networking. But is every negative comment made on the internet actually bullying?

Across the country, students have been getting lectures, heavily focused on cyber-bullying. The anonymity and non-physical confrontation that come with cyber-bullying have made social networking the most popular medium for bullying. This is done for obvious reasons: teenagers basically spend three-fourths of their time staring at a computer screen. Teens do not, however, spend all of their time online making fun of each other; they also spend a significant amount of time enthusiastically watching other people get made fun of. There are websites whose sole intentions are to bash Cold Play or even make fun of Keanu Reeves. Perez Hilton’s website is viewed by many people, though it is mostly devoted to gossiping and making fun of celebrities. Actually, anywhere you can find information about a celebrity (with the exception of IMDb, I suppose) will be filled with gossip and a dash of criticism. But are those really examples of bullying? If so, bullying isn’t just online; it is in magazines and on TV too. The Soup is a great show, but it just talks about the horrifically stupid things reality TV stars do. The show “The Fashion Police” on E!, consists of a small group of people looking at pictures of celebrities and making snide remarks about their outfit choices. The goal of these shows and sites, however, isn’t to cause pain to the people they talk about. Isn’t the desire to cause intentional physical or emotional pain a pretty fundamental part of bullying?

So are catty remarks about people behind their backs really bullying? Not really. They may not be nice, but they often aren’t done out of spite or malice. When someone gossips they are not being cruel; they are simply doing something they’ve been conditioned to do since the day they figured out how to use the remote control. You can use this assertion to say that this is proof that all shows and websites supporting such behavior are bullies and should not be allowed to exist, but this isn’t realistic. It is no more realistic to assume teenagers will ever stop gossiping. Adults tend to say that people just put others down “so they can feel better about themselves,” but there is no real proof that this plays any part in their actions. It just seems that the most natural conversation topic amongst teenagers is to criticize people, because everyone has negative opinions about each other, and only teenagers have the audacity to voice these opinions.

At BLS (from what I’ve seen and heard), there isn’t really a big problem with deliberate bullying. We may not all get along, or even like each other, but we tend not to attack each other. People like to talk about others behind their backs, but people do not actually publicly slander their victims. BLS students are just taking part in America’s biggest pastime: gossip.

When teachers talk about bullying in broad terms it portrays some people as perpetrators and some as victims. Maybe creating that split will only cause more problems: some people will feel weak and some will not. Lectures about accepting all our differences won’t change the school into a place of peace and harmony. Making everyone read *Cat’s Eye* over the summer won’t turn every student into a sympathetic and self-aware individual. The fact is: we do the best we can, and we’re probably doing better than most high schools. If the school has a genuine concern for their student’s mental well being, they should be proactive and positive in supporting those who have been victims of actual bullying, rather than trying to broadly prevent everyone from being a bully.

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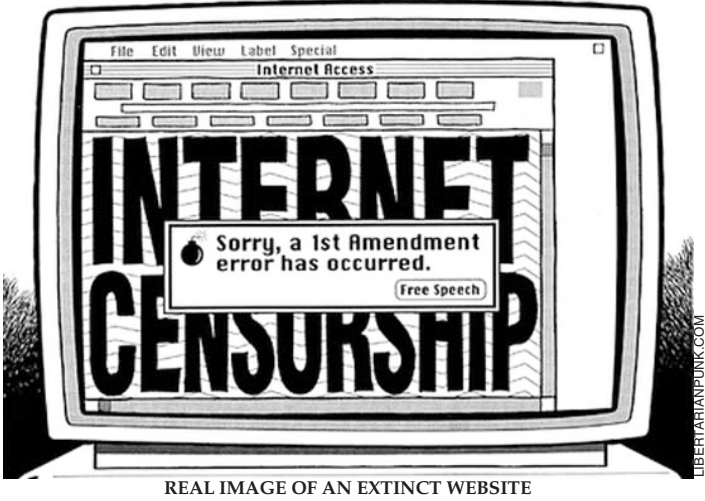
Websites: Endangered Species

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One of the rights Americans pride themselves on the most is “Freedom of Speech,” and for good reason. This right, which many in the world still lack, allows all American citizens to voice their opinions without fear of retribution from the government. With the birth of the Internet, this essential right has encouraged Internet users to publish anything they want. If, however, Senate Bill 3804: Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act (COICA) were to be passed, this right could very well be threatened. The bill is a response to “piracy,” which has cut entertainment industry profits for years now. Piracy is the act of freely distributing copyright materials such as games, programs, and music through the Internet. It would give the Department of Justice the power to determine whether certain websites are “dedicated to infringement activities,” as put by the bill. Here we touch upon the first problem of the bill: it is too broad. There are no specific criteria for the Justice Department to follow, nor is there any mention of how to appeal the decision. Websites would be easily blacklisted and nearly impossible to remove from the list. The Attorney General would then have the power to order the website’s registrar to shut down the domain name, if based in the United States. There is a high probability that the site is U.S.-based if the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) includes a “.com,” “.net,” or “.org.”

The bill does not specify whether Internet users will be notified that access

has been denied by the U.S. government. If not, they will be led to believe it is down. Either way, as far as U.S. Internet users are concerned, the website might as well not exist. Yes - our country, which feigned such outrage about Chinese censorship of the Internet, would be able to censor websites. The COICA could easily violate freedom of speech through



REAL IMAGE OF AN EXTINCT WEBSITE

the misuse of censorship. For example, Youtube, a website that hosts a lot of copyright infringing material, such as music videos, could be blacklisted. The Attorney General would then be obligated to remove or censor all of Youtube, not just one certain infringing music video, although it also has much more authorized content.

Even if websites do “deserve” to be blacklisted, it would be both a political and economic blunder for the American government to do so. By giving the Attorney General these powers, the U.S. will be telling the world it agrees with unilateral Internet censorship. The U.S. may view its policy as purely protecting the interests

of the entertainment industry. By giving the Attorney General these powers, however, totalitarian countries may perceive this action as the U.S.’s endorsement of unilateral Internet censorship.

This would be a blatant contradiction to the U.S.’s constant stress on free speech. After all, censorship is a slippery slope.

Why is it the government’s responsibility to regulate this when it is the companies, whose material is being infringed, that are losing money? It is a waste of taxpayer money to censor the websites, when the companies already have the ability to sue website owners or domain hosts. The companies should be the ones to shoulder the cost of protecting their copyrights, not taxpayers. Take the recent and completely legitimate shutdown of Onemanga.com, the infamous manga-pirating website. This came after a coalition of manga publishers made legal threats against the website.

Anyone familiar with Onemanga.com, however, knows it has hundreds of clones, which highlights another problem of the COICA. The bill will be ineffective, because the Internet is much too big for the government to regulate.

The COICA may have been drafted with the best intentions, but the many flaws in the proposal mean that Congress should not allow it to pass. Pirates will lose nothing, U.S. industries and government will gain nothing, but the American people will be deprived of an Internet free of censorship.

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So one time, I was having a boring day...and then Ella Mahoney walked in. She was wearing the weirdest outfit I had ever seen, but somehow, she managed to pull it together. Part of it is because Ella has an amazing fashion sense, but also because she exudes this beautiful confidence in all interactions with other humans. I think the best aspect of her beauty is her compassion. She makes me feel appreciated with several sympathetic words because she actually means them. She is extremely fun to hang out with and talk to, but still manages to be down-to-earth. She can be (or seem to be, I suppose) care-free and silly, but she can also make logical decisions and keep everyone’s well-being in consideration.

Ella’s compassion influences her passion for human rights; she is the co-president of STAND, a member of Amnesty International and the head of the Humanitarian Initiative, a coalition of all the humanitarian groups at Boston Latin School. She also worked as an intern at Physicians for Human Rights this past summer, an organization that promotes health by protecting human rights. She is the most knowledgeable high school student I know concerning genocide and the current conflicts in Sudan, Burma and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is her dedication more so than her advanced understanding that impresses me and everyone else. She is always the one on top of meeting plans and leading all the members in a constructive activity. She is always reading more about new updates in the conflict areas and printing informational papers for STAND members.

She is not only involved in many activist groups, but also a member of the photography club. I cannot speak about Ella’s photography talent very well, but her friend Shannon Casey speaks positively about it. I have, however, seen her photos, and they always reveal her perspective on the subject. She is bold and creative in experimentation in the dark room; she has tried making double exposures and often shoots a series of photos with the same theme (like some awesome ones with destruction or decaying). I am sure Ella’s intelligence helps her come up with these creative themes for photos. Yes, Ella not only wears glasses, but she is actually genuinely smart (that was a joke about the stereotype of people who wear glasses). Also utilizing this intelligence (as well as enjoyment and skill, I hope), she writes compositions, primarily poetry, which you may have seen in *The Register*.

As for Ella’s influence on me, Ella makes me work harder in STAND. Seeing her dedication keeps me on top of news updates and secretarial duties. Her fashion sense also made me try some interesting experiments using non-clothing items as attire (not Lady Gaga here, just a scarf as a skirt or such). I know Ella has influenced a number of people, as I am sure all the STAND members would agree. So meet her. She is cool.

Charity Undermined

BY KATIE WANG, III
STAFF WRITER

Chileans, along with the rest of the world, watched in awe as all of the 33 miners gradually returned to their families from their subterranean prison. The modern world became emotionally invested in the rescue. But even though the Chilean miners had the sympathy and prayers of the whole world, they were taken advantage of. Companies began a race, seeking to turn global attention on the miners into a business strategy.

Worldwide companies, many from the United States, demonstrated their so-called “public altruism” towards the miners by either donating their products or sponsoring the rescue. At first glance, these companies seemed to be showing their generosity and compassion towards this effort by giving their products to the miners in need. At second glance, however, people started to see that the companies had an ulterior motive. The conception of the companies’ chivalrous acts of philanthropy started dissipating as these companies attempted to outdo each other in their “quest towards goodness.”

Take the high-end sunglasses made by Oakley. Oakley recently donated pairs of their specially designed “Radar” sunglasses, each carrying an estimated retail price tag of 450 dollars, to the miners, who had not seen the sun in months. This gesture was extremely generous, but it seems a little over the top, don’t you think? It is a little *too* nice to be genuine. Oakley had one eye on the miners and the other focused on their marketing action plan. Do

not think that I am saying that the miners themselves did not deserve these items; they certainly did! By accepting the gifts, however, the miners became spokesmen for the products. This whole rescue event had become one big commercial for the companies’ goodwill. And I am not the only one that believes this!

According to some Internet reports and sources, it is estimated that Oakley roped in 41 million dollars solely due to



HAPPY TO BE ALIVE...WITH HIS NEW SUNGLASSES

exposure from the Chilean rescue. It may seem like giving away thirty-three 450-dollar pairs of sunglasses would cause a company to lose money, but this “humble” gesture has made the company more money than any of their previous publicity stunts. Ricardo de la Blanca, Chief Executive Officer of the marketing network DLB Group Worldwide offered his opinion: “Consumers love having the allure of a front-row seat as a near tragedy comes to a happy conclusion...And for marketers, the ability to tie their brands

to such a heartwarming story is a no-brainer.” It is not surprising that many international companies are seizing any opportunity they can get to make millions of dollars through efficient product placement. They, however, do need to recognize that people are not oblivious to the clandestine motives behind their “charitable actions.” There is such a thing as being *too* generous, and when you follow that up with a huge spike in profits, there is little chance that the public will not become suspicious.

I say that Oakley and other companies such as Zephyr Technology and natural resource drilling company, Layne Christensen, should not have tried to steal the worldwide attention placed upon the Chilean miners. The companies turned an unfortunate accident that put the miners and their families through an unbelievable amount of stress and worry, into an economically driven campaign to boost profits. The perseverance of the miners and their rescuers made it possible for the miners to get their lives back, not their new sunglasses. Extraordinary human effort ultimately prevailed in the end and not the decisions made by money-hungry executives. The best way for these miners to enjoy their 15 minutes of fame is by letting the world fall in love with them and not by letting greedy corporations steal their spotlight.

FORUM

Tyler Clementi, One of Many

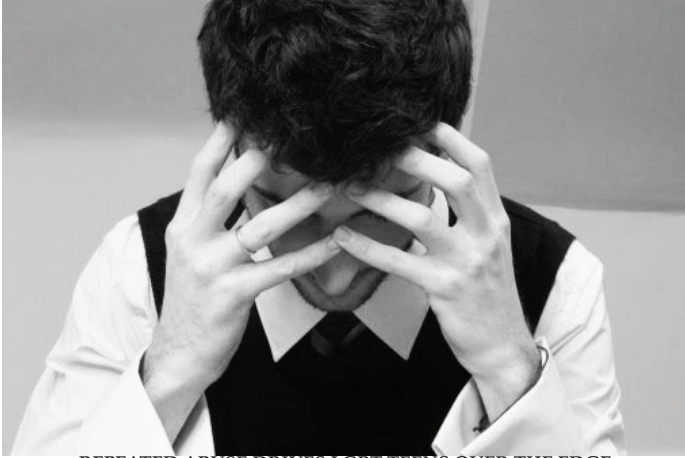
By **ELLIE HARTE, I**
STAFF WRITER

It is estimated that 17 percent of students in American schools are bullied regularly. The statistics are even worse for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students. Nine out of every ten LGBT students report themselves as being harassed at school. Can you imagine what it must feel like to go to school every day, knowing that kids are going to bully you because of your sexual orientation? Can you imagine what it would be like to be harassed constantly, every single day, until you finally snap? Can you imagine how desperate and lonely you would feel? That is what leads more than 33 percent of LGBT teens to attempt suicide. And unfortunately, too many of them are successful.

Tyler Clementi was an 18-year-old freshman at Rutgers University when he took his own life by jumping off the George Washington Bridge this September. His roommate posted videos of him with another male student on the Internet for everyone to see, and Tyler, feeling mocked and humiliated, must have felt that he had no other option but to commit suicide. And the sad truth is that he is not the only teenager who has taken his/her life recently because of bullying on the basis of his/her sexual orientation. Cody Barker, a homosexual 17-year-old in Wisconsin, killed himself because he was bullied until he could not take it anymore.

Justin Aaberg, a 15-year-old in Minnesota, took his own life because of the constant torment he received at school for being gay. Who will be the next LGBT teenager to commit suicide because of endless bullying?

Hopefully, there won't be another one. LGBT bullying is receiving near-constant coverage in the media because of the high number of recent LGBT suicides. October 20, 2010 was a national "Spirit Day" when people were encouraged



REPEATED ABUSE DRIVES LGBT TEENS OVER THE EDGE

to wear purple to show their support for LGBT teens. Dan Savage, an author and newspaper editor, launched the "It Gets Better Project" to garner support for LGBT youth and allow people to share their stories. Even state governments are passing strict anti-bullying laws, some of which have special protections for LGBT students. I do not think, however, that this is enough to stop the tormenting and resulting suicides. LGBT teens need to feel fully comfortable in their schools,

and I think that we need to help them feel accepted.

So why exactly does this happen and what are we doing to stop it? We are not doing enough. We need everyone to show their support for LGBT teenagers. We need to raise awareness for the struggles that LGBT teenagers go through every day. Most teenagers do not understand what it feels like to be bullied because of their sexual orientation, and so they do not realize the pain that LGBT teens go through. Unless we take a proactive stance to end the bullying in our schools and communities, it will continue.

I find it hard to believe that no one cares about LGBT teenagers. Tyler Clementi, Cody Barker, Justin Aaberg and the many other LGBT teens who have recently committed suicide, however, probably had no one to turn to. I think that if someone had shown these teenagers that they supported them, these teens would still be alive today. I cannot imagine the pain they must have felt, and I wish that they had known they were cared for. Since their deaths, LGBT bullying has been brought up as a greater issue in this country. I think it is great that people are trying to show that they care about LGBT teens, but they need to do more. It is true that people are taking action by passing new laws, but for the teens who already killed themselves, it is not enough. I urge you to take a stand by showing your support for LGBT teens so that future suicides can be prevented.

Dilatory Deval

By **MICHAEL SITCAWICH, III**
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Deval Patrick is a living joke. Formerly praised for being a rising star in the political arena, Patrick dug his own grave during his first term as Governor of Massachusetts. He purchased drapery for the Governor's suite which cost nearly 11,000 dollars, upgraded the customary car of the state from a Ford Crown Victoria to a Cadillac and offered a 175,000 dollar annual salary for a state job previously vacant for twelve years during a country-wide recession. These instances exemplify Patrick's utter failure as a Massachusetts Governor. And on October 16, President Barack Obama came to Massachusetts in hopes of aiding Patrick's campaign for re-election. Really?

It may not come as a surprise to many that the President is backing his political ally. Nonetheless, did President Obama even take into consideration what Patrick has accomplished for our state? That is to say, nothing? The support given to Patrick is solely for the purpose of maintaining Democratic majority within the country. If it were to be based on skillfulness and effectiveness, as it should be, there is no way our President would be backing such a pathetic political figure. Instead, Obama came to Massachusetts, knowing full well that he would be able to sway his own advocates to vote for Patrick.

Deval Patrick has failed in giving hope to a state struggling with economic

hardships. Rather, he has seemingly spent lavishly on his own personal agenda. In addition to his inaction, Patrick has supported the increase in sales taxes for Massachusetts, leaving this cynical and



DEVAL INACTIVE AS USUAL

tentative writer questioning, "Where are these tax dollars really going? A new 52 inch plasma TV for Mrs. Patrick's secretary?"

Obama described Patrick's governorship in such a way: "At a time when too many folks bow to the politics of the moment, he represents the politics of conscience and conviction...in an age of too much cynicism, he has matched unbending optimism with unyielding effort to move Massachusetts forward."

Politics of conscience and conviction? Of course, it was most definitely conscious politics when Patrick was picking out which drapes would look best in his office. We are talking about the same Governor who, shortly after being elected, hired a 72,000 dollar per year secretary for his wife. Would you call that a conscious decision?

Unyielding effort to move Massa-

chusetts forward? In what way has Massachusetts, as an individual state, moved forward since Patrick took office again? Oh, right, it has not. Maybe the President should think before he speaks.

But Patrick has not been thinking when it comes to the middle class tax payers. He may claim in his promotional advertisements that he wishes to give the middle class some "breathing room," but where was this concern when he was spending tax dollars on unnecessary state jobs, furnishings for his office and luxurious state cars? The concern was nonexistent.

Politics is undoubtedly a game of cat-and-mouse, with political representatives constantly attacking one another via radio, television, etc. Nothing is going to end the constant difference in opinions. But putting political parties aside and looking at the cold hard facts, Deval Patrick has not done what is necessary for this state. Budget cuts and workers are getting laid off continually due to the financial turmoil the state is in. What Massachusetts really needs right now is someone to step up to the plate, take responsibility and redirect its path.

But most importantly, what this state needs is a Governor who is not afraid to make difficult decisions. It needs a Governor with a backbone, who does not hide behind the President or change decisions on account of public outcry. That is where most of my lack of respect towards Governor Patrick lies; he is legitimately incapable of administrating our state. He truly did not know what he was in for when he was running for Governor four years ago. So why is he bothering to run again?

The Omnipotent She-Wolf

Dear Omnipotent She-Wolf,

I am a proud member of the Tea Party and a proud supporter of Sharron Angle's campaign for Senate. Did you know that she was the first Asian legislator in the state of Nevada? She also has great ideas about Social Security and dumping nuclear waste, like that we should dump it in Nevada! But a lot of people have been making fun of her lately and it's been upsetting me. What should I do?

Please Help!

Angle Supporter In A Nevada Town
Excited by Asianness

Dear ASIAN TEA,

First of all, Sharron Angle is not Asian. No, I'm serious! As confusing as all of this may be, what with her telling students in a local high school's Hispanic Student Union that some of them could actually be Asian, and then her calling herself an example of diversity and then implying that she, herself, is Asian--as hard as she is trying, she is not, in fact, Asian, of Asian descent, or an example of diversity. And furthermore, why the poodle-fart would anyone support dumping nuclear waste in Nevada?

Excuse me while I have an aneurysm.

Dear Omnipotent She-Wolf,

In an earlier edition of the Argo, an article was published about Jersey Shore. Since then, my Latin class has been obsessed with Jersey Shore! I am sick and tired of answers like "The Situation!" and "The Jersey Shore!" being called out as a jokes or used as examples in class. I bet only around five of my classmates watch the show, or even know what GTL is. What should i do???

--Sixie Needing Omnipotent's Outstanding Knowledgeable Ideas

Dear SNOOKI,

I feel your pain. Although I know I'm a little late getting back to you, I figured it was appropriate to reply to your query in this particular issue, as we are publishing another article on the Jersey Shore and you may soon be dealing with this problem once again. Anyhow, I would deal with this with an approach based upon the fundamental aspects of the way that animals learn. Begin carrying one of those squirty water bottles around with you, and whenever one of your classmates makes a bogus reference to the Jersey Shore, squirt them immediately. Eventually, they will learn that if they make a reference, they will be squirted, and the Jersey Shore references will begin to dwindle. And as a bonus, the squirts of water will snap them out of the exhausted stupor in which BLS students seem to perpetually exist, and perhaps even improve their performance on tests! EVERYBODY WINS!!!

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Spotlight

Warren Thompson



By **ANDY VO, I**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It was the first day of school, and the bell had just rung. As I took my seat in Ms. Arnold’s eighth grade homeroom, I was instantly mesmerized by the most attractive boy I had ever seen, with long, windswept hair and gorgeous dark eyes.

Then I stopped looking at myself in the mirror, and Warren Thompson sat down next to me. Over the next two hours, we quickly became friends, and over the next year, we came to call the music wing our home. Since birth, it seems, Warren Thompson has been involved in the arts. By eighth grade, he was already adept at the flute and involved with the Eighth Grade Band, the Jr. Jazz Band and the Football Pep Band. Now, he is an omnipresent student in the music wing, who is involved in every musical ensemble possible (literally). Even outside of school, Warren spends every day practicing the flute and every Sunday playing for the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. Trust me: the man is dedicated.

As an author, I am obligated to make sure you know the real Warren Stuart Thompson. So who is he? Well, for starters, he is the most humble guy I have ever met. He will never brag about any achievement and chooses to underplay it, instead opting to improve himself even further. I think it is this desire that has carried him this far; by always recognizing his potential to improve, he has served as sensei to a multitude of grasshoppers (I see you Harry Li (IV)!).

Second of all, he smells. That’s all I have to say about that.

But to keep it real, he is a great friend who will go to great lengths to make sure his friends are happy. He will stay online for hours past his bedtime to listen to their problems and help them with homework. Though this cuts into his practicing time and results in a very sleepy Warren (if you have ever seen him rushing to do homework in class, now you know why), he will always rise to the challenge.

Besides, he is a great player anyway. He puts everything he has into what he is passionate about, and truly shows this effort in Big Band. He is one of the main soloists and the section leader for the altos, and has been in this ensemble for four years. If Big Band is Boston Latin School’s gold standard for music (and it is), then Warren Thompson is BLS’s gold standard for musicians. I know he will leave a great legacy for all those socially awkward band geeks for years to come.

In the end, despite all these jokes, Warren Thompson is the best friend I have ever had. When Graduation Day comes, and he’s crying because he’ll never see me again, I know we’ll remember those skiing vacations in Maine, that one day he burnt off his eyebrows, Vince the Boar and that endless supply of tea thermoses. You’re the best, man.

TRIBUTE TO Ms. FERNANDES

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I had not really wanted to join chorus. My mother had signed me up; it was not my choice. But on that first day in sixie chorus, Ms. Fernandes transformed from someone who seemed strict and merciless into someone who was endlessly patient, nurturing and warm. This was the side of her that I came to love. I saw her love for her students and her passion for sharing her love of music with those students. I was even OK when she told us that our chorus “grade” would be contingent upon the completion of the one homework assignment of the year: bringing in a box of tissues each. It was an assignment I didn’t understand until December came around and the season for runny noses began.

I owe Ms. Fernandes so much. She gave me so much of what I love and can’t live without. She made me love to sing and gave me a purpose, a passion and one of the most precious gifts I have ever received: music. Ms. Fernandes made singing rewarding and exciting. She showed me that I could create something beautiful and unique and have a lot of fun doing it. I still remember the harmonies to almost all of the songs she taught us. Some of the dance moves that went along to “New York, New York” are ingrained in my brain forever.

I owe her more than just my passion for singing. It’s because she made chorus, music and singing such a wonderful experience that I met almost all of my friends. All of us had the same love of singing and performing. In fact, all of my musical friends had Ms. Fernandes for chorus in the seventh and eighth grades. Ms. Fernandes was one of the reasons that I found a family at Boston Latin School. She gave all of us each other.

Throughout the five years I knew her, she was always in my musical life. She was almost always the person who coached all of the District hopefuls, including me, so patiently throughout the process of learning and auditioning

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In honor of
Roseanna Fernandes

with an inevitably frustrating, technically difficult classical choral piece. She was there early every Wednesday or Thursday morning making us sound our best, always positive about everything we did. Every time I saw her in the music wing on my way to Repertory Choir and then Concert Choir, she had time for a warm smile, a short but earnest conversation, or a “hi, Marina!” I have no idea who I would be now, or what I would love, or what my purpose would be if she had not come into my life. Every time I feel the energy, connection and beauty that comes from doing what I love with the people I love, I know I owe it to Ms. Fernandes. I am ceaselessly grateful that she was a part of

my life when I needed her most. That makes it so much more heartbreaking to think that there might be some sixie, now or in the future, who, without even being aware of it, will not be able to benefit from her teaching as I did.

The sudden, jarring death of Ms. Fernandes was a huge blow to the Boston Latin School community. It was something no one would have expected. She was preparing to retire, to spend the rest of what should have been a long and fulfilling life with her family, but she died before the 2009-2010 school year was even officially over. The unfairness is almost sickening. But I know that she’ll live on, because I’ll never forget her.

They’re Baaack

By **BARBARA CARVALHO, I**
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After a scandalous debut on the reality television scene last December, the housemates of the infamous Jersey Shore have returned for a second season. On July 29, expectant fans tuned in to MTV to watch as Sammi, Snookie, JWoww, Ronnie, Pauly D, The Situation, Vinny and even the forgotten Angelina traded the cold and messy weather of a typical Northeastern March for the sunny beaches of Miami. The road to South

Beach, however, was not one without its Snooki-sized bumps.

Let us start off with location. Earlier this year, MTV posted a poll on its website asking viewers where the second season of Jersey Shore should take place, with options such as South Africa, Miami and even South Boston. Although Boston fans eagerly voted in hopes of partying with their favorite “guidos,” their dream would never become a reality; the poll was simply a publicity stunt. Even though the poll was open on MTV.com until February 1, an article published the previous

week on the Access Hollywood website stated that the producers of the show had already picked their location—Miami.

The Shore’s road to the Sunshine State was also one surrounded by controversy. Not happy with the network’s offer of a 10,000 dollar signing bonus and 5,000 dollars per episode, all of the cast members held out. In late January, however, the network decided to put its foot down, stating it was ready to replace any cast member that did not sign the deal. Thankfully, the situation (pun completely intended) was resolved and this season has proved to be even better than the last.

Drama-filled since the first episode, Season Two, which is set to end soon, has not disappointed. We have seen about 20 Ronnie-Sammi break-ups, two girl fights, two drunken roommate hook-ups and “the original guido,” Vinny’s Uncle Nino. This season has also been full of unforgettable one-liners and acronyms. We have witnessed the life-changing experience of eating a fried pickle, learned Snooki’s views on why the lesbian rate has been increasing in America and seen that even if “creeping” is the number one priority, the boys of Jersey Shore are still DTS (down to snuggle). With this season still unfolding and a third one to air (equipped with a new cast mate and much more), I personally cannot wait to see what these roomies will do next. You can be sure that if it is 10 P.M. on a Thursday night, my DVR will be recording Jersey Shore.



CAST OF JERSEY SHORE

A & E Wicked Popular

By **OLIVIA McCORMICK, II**
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Since it opened on Broadway on October 30, 2003, *Wicked* has been to Boston three times. But despite its frequent visits, the show manages to sell out every night. In a world where live theater seems to be a dying art, *Wicked* continues to thrive and provide its viewers with a magical experience.

Wicked is the story of how the Wicked Witch of the West, from the film *The Wizard of Oz*, came about. In this prequel, the Wicked Witch is not wicked at all, but rather misunderstood

her whole life.

She is an outcast solely because of her appearance. Elphaba, however, later finds an unlikely friend in Galinda, the most popular girl at school. Though they start out as enemies, they realize how much they truly understand each other.

Though the main purpose of *Wicked* is to tell the story of the Wicked Witch as she was prior to Dorothy landing in Oz, the tale is rife with subplots. The show is about friendship, betrayal, prejudice, corruption in authority and forbidden love. Not only does it tackle all of these topics, but it also manages to question what evil is, who defines it and how public opinion



WICKED CONTINUES TO DEFY GRAVITY

and lonely, being the only green person living in Oz. She goes off to college with her sister, Nessarose, who is confined to a wheelchair. But the Wicked Witch, Elphaba—whose name is derived from the initials of L. Frank Baum, author of the *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*—finds that things are the same there as they were

can be altered by the stigma of being called evil. In addition, it answers the questions left open in *The Wizard of Oz*, such as how the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scare Crow came to be. The plot is undoubtedly complex, yet somehow easy to follow.

In possibly the biggest upset ever seen at the Tony Awards, *Wicked* lost

the Best Musical Award to *Avenue Q* in 2003. In spite of this fact, attendance and interest in *Wicked* has yet to lessen and continues to break records, whereas *Avenue Q* has recently moved off Broadway. *Entertainment Weekly* even named *Wicked* the best stage musical of the decade, proving that its power has not gone unnoticed.

No one can truly outshine the original cast, headed by Idina Menzel, Kristin Chenoweth and Joel Grey. These three alone have won an Emmy, an Oscar and numerous Tony Awards among them. Besides being seasoned pros with amazing voices, Menzel and Chenoweth had the advantage of originating the characters of Elphaba and Galinda respectively. Parts of them soon became embedded in the characters' cores.

That being said, the cast that most recently performed at the Boston Opera House, led by Jackie Burns as Elphaba and Chandra Lee Schwartz as Galinda, had their own wonderful take on the now iconic roles. Though they stayed true to the characters, they added their own special flavor to many scenes, making them seem more genuine. What they lacked in stage presence, they made up for with clear passion and demonstrated a vulnerability that made the characters even stronger. Another trait of this specific tour that made it extremely enjoyable to watch was how the entire ensemble shined. Stefanie Brown, who played Nessarose, was especially convincing as Elphaba's twisted sister, grappling not only with being disabled and then losing her disabilities, but also with what she loves the most. Overall, this amazing story was accurately and exceptionally portrayed for Bostonians seeking a night of magic.

Wicked, hopefully to return in a few years, still is and will continue to be a must-see.

Worthy of Your News Feed

By **RACHEL TRIPP, I**
A&E EDITOR

Facebook is a staple in just about everyone's life. We sign on when we are bored, when we want to avoid homework, when we want to ask someone about homework, when we need to stalk someone and when homework is the last possible thing we want to be doing. It is always there when we need it to distract us (from homework, of course), entertain us or amuse us. As much as we may joke that Facebook is creepy, an incredible invasion of privacy and an overall waste of time, we all secretly know that we would be devastated, and even a little lost, without it.

There was a terrible archaic time, however, when there was never such a source of time-wasting and stalking, a time when, believe it or not, Facebook did not exist. It was created and launched in February of 2004 when a bored Harvard student, Mark Zuckerberg, decided one night that he was going to create a website that put all of his friends' information in

one place. The hit movie, *The Social Network*, released in theaters during October of 2010, tells us his story.

Sitting in the overheated downtown theater waiting for the first frames of *The Social Network* to flip across the screen, I was pumped. Everyone had been buzzing about "the Facebook movie," and I honestly could not wait to see it. I wasn't alone; every seat in the theater was filled, and from the snippets of conversation that could be heard around me, everyone was expecting something great. We weren't disappointed.

Contrary to popular belief, *The Social Network* is not actually about Facebook itself. Instead, it catalogues the journey of its creator, Mark Zuckerberg, and uses his story to point out that success is not easy to come by or maintain. Thankfully, it does this incredibly well. The directing is brilliant: every character is well developed, every plotline is tied up and every dialogue is believably realistic. The acting is just as phenomenal. Jesse Eisenberg is the perfect candidate to play the socially awkward and overly blunt Zuckerberg,

whose ironically pathetic social skills gain him more enemies than friends. Andrew Garfield is excellent as the hapless and left-in-the dust Eduardo Saverin, whose place as Zuckerberg's right hand man is quick to be replaced when Facebook takes off. The quality of performance combined with the dramatic storyline makes for a must-see hit that even the most critical of viewers will enjoy.

Despite all of this, the film is not perfect. *The Social Network* hits the ground running and maintains a hectic and almost agitating pace for its entire duration. While most movies based on books are disappointingly exclusive in the information they include, this film had the opposite problem. Almost every detail was included, which, while making for a wonderful read, did not make for such a wonderful viewing. The decision to cast one actor (Armie Hammer) as the Winklevoss twins, the Harvard boys from whom Zuckerberg steals the concept of Facebook, was questionable at best, and seeing Justin Timberlake participating in anything besides an *NSYNC concert is completely baffling.

Overall though, the film is not to be missed. Any other film about the making of a website could easily have been dry, mind-numbing and longer than the *Odyssey*. This, however, manages to be engaging, dramatic and comical all at once. Even better, it is entertaining for all ages, and will satisfy an incredibly wide range of viewers. Grab your best friend and hop on the Green Line to downtown, because this is one movie you want to be friends with.

Spotlight Stephanie Brown



By **MEGHAN MAGEE, I**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

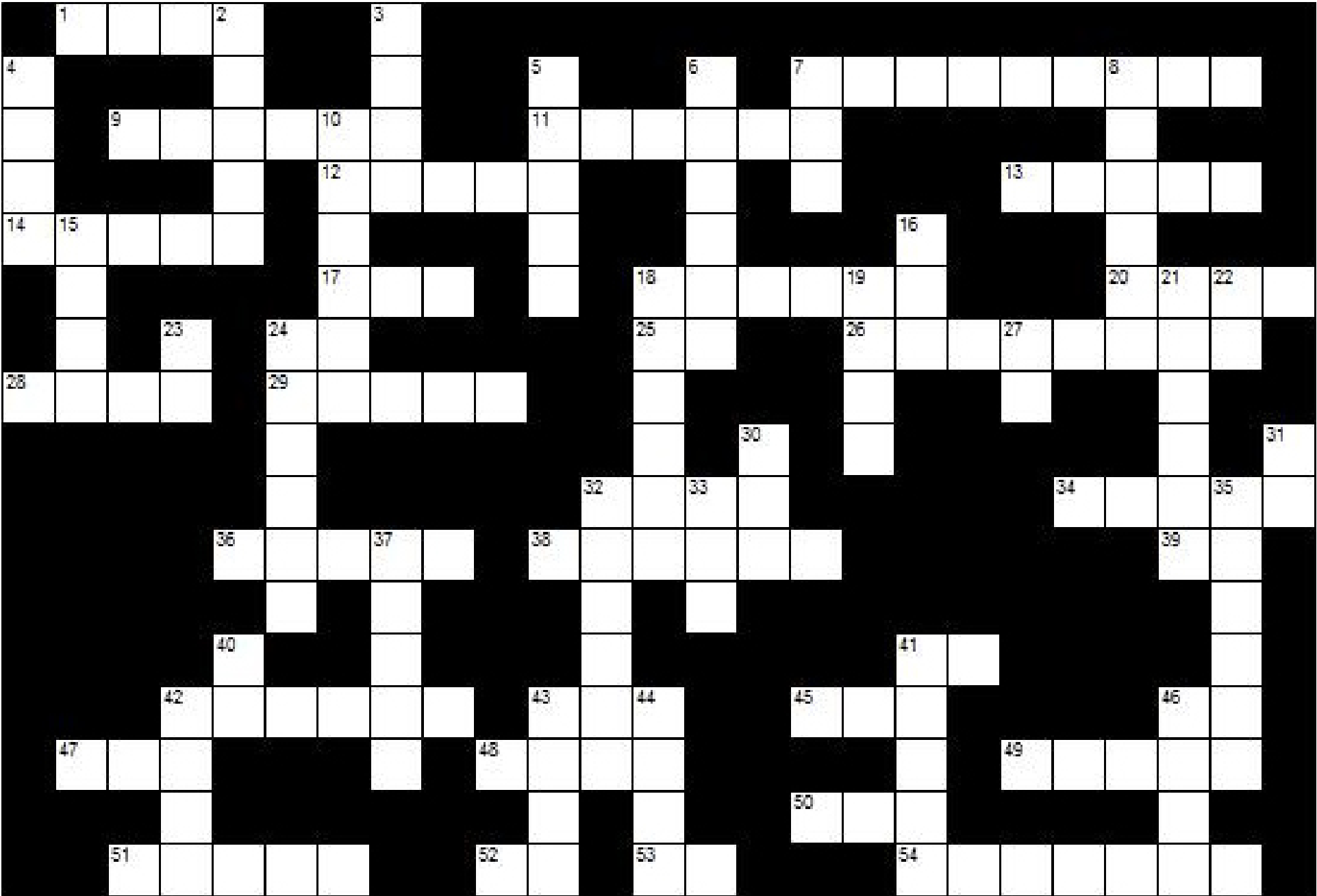
It all started when I "friend-requested" Stephanie Brown on Myspace in eighth grade. I could not tell you how or when I met Stephanie exactly, but I can tell you that we have been best friends ever since. I remember the first time I successfully took the train to her house without getting lost in the alphabet of South Boston. I remember my disbelief when she told me that at her house the only room in which one could eat was the kitchen. Stephanie and I have, unfortunately, never been in a single class together at Boston Latin School. We have, however, remained connected through the four choruses of which we are both members. She is a proud member of every singing ensemble this school has to offer: Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Wolfettes and Show Choir. Unfortunately, Wolftones denied her entry (but she settled for dating one instead). Stephanie is one of the best sopranos this school has ever heard and an asset in each of her choruses.

I remember when Stephanie got into Wolfettes. It was in June of freshman year and the day of senior graduation. Stephanie came running out of the building elated that she was one of the only two freshmen girls to make it in! After that, I revered her as the most amazing singer ever! I interrogated her in awe, researched her audition song (*Reflection* from *Mulan*), how nervous she was (not very because "she knew she wouldn't get in") and how intimidating the Wolfettes leaders were. A year later, when I made it into Wolfettes, Stephanie was the one to call me with the news. After an unnecessary amount of screaming, our fate together was sealed. The rest, as they say, is history.

Tuesdays will forever and permanently be ingrained in my mind as the days I happily spend six straight hours with Stephanie. After two hours of Wolfettes rehearsal, Stephanie, Caytie Campbell-Orrock and I start our journey to Stephanie's house in Southie. Soon after, we depart for our second rehearsal of the afternoon, Boston City Singers. Despite the many tiring hours we put in for those grueling rehearsals, Tuesday is arguably my favorite day of the week.

Aside from music, Stephanie's other passion is languages. She has taken (and loved) Spanish since eighth grade. One of her hobbies includes translating Spanish conversations for me on the train and even on occasion a Spanish song by Nelly Furtado. She was also one of the few juniors to opt to take a second foreign language: Italian. She is currently taking both of these languages, plans to major in a language-related field in college and maybe even learn sign language.

Having had the opportunity to know Stephanie as a leader, a singer and most importantly a friend, I know that whichever one of her passions she ultimately pursues, her determination, intelligence and compassion will allow her to accomplish anything she sets her mind to.



Across

1. 6’9” Celtics legend (No. 33)
7. FOX25 News anchor: Maria ____
9. No one on the corner has this like us
11. Defensive volleyball position
12. Wherefore art thou ____?
13. Unit of energy
14. Harry Reid opponent
17. By way of; by means of; through
18. ‘Whip My Hair’ artist: ____ Smith, daughter of Will
20. Toy Story 3 teenager (owner of Buzz and Woody)
24. Iron, in chemistry; Faith, in Spanish
25. United Airlines, Delta Airlines rival (abbr.)
26. Harry Potter hippogriff
28. Latvia capital
29. Red-headed Disney princess
32. Nickelodeon explorer
34. Trinidadian female rapper, often associated with Lil Wayne
36. Teenage whale featured on Sponge-bob

38. Fiery looking horse Pokemon
39. Country code for Iran
41. Wizarding author; common predecessor of ‘lol’
42. Fight Club protagonist: Tyler ____
43. One of three Rice Krispies brothers
45. Spanish river
46. Copper, in chemical terms
47. British toilet
48. 2007 teenage pregnancy film, starring Ellen Page
49. War of the Worlds author; “Father of Science Fiction”
50. One of the Seven Dwarves
51. Cult movie: Driving Miss ____
52. Mickey D’s rival (abbr.)
53. BLS, BLA counterpart (abbr.)
54. Wicked protagonist

Down

2. Degrassi star turned Lil Wayne protégé
3. Class of 2011 Treasurer
4. Arm bone
5. Flower-like Pokemon; evolution of Oddish
6. Jake Gyllenhaal: Prince of ____
7. The fifth note of a solfege
8. Latin sailors
10. Only president to have two nonconsecutive terms (first name)
15. Avatar creatures
16. Washington DC university (abbr.)
18. Brown student by day, Harry Potter actress by night
19. Woodwind instrument
21. Voldemort’s pet snake (doubles as Horcrux)
22. This Nintendo character lacks opposable thumbs (abbr.)
23. Ancient Egyptian sun god
24. Harry Potter phoenix, belonging to Dumbledore

27. Durantula; Oklahoma City Thunder star player (abbr.)
30. A type of scan, or pet
31. The King of Pop (abbr.)
32. Lincoln Park internet sensation: Antoine ____
33. A type of bread, like wheat or whole grain
35. Class of 2011 President
37. Quoth the ____, “Nevermore!”
40. Class of 2011 Secretary
41. Class of 2011 Vice President
42. Qatar capital
43. Mohawked football star, from Glee
44. A team sport, either on horseback or in water; a type of shirt
46. The ____ can’t even handle Flo-Rida right now

Sudokus

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SPORTS

Should LeBron James have been traded to the Miami Heat?



Yes

By Mike Wojewodzic, II

Contributing Writer

People all around the world believe that LeBron James' decision to join the Miami Heat was a poor decision on his part. I, on the other hand, think differently.

LeBron chose to join the Miami Heat for rational and well-thought-out reasons. First off, he knows that Miami is a winning organization (they won the championship back in 2006) that has consistently made the playoffs since Dwayne Wade arrived. LeBron showcased his talent when he was playing for the Cavaliers, winning league Most Valuable Player (MVP) two years in a row and gave the city of Cleveland a hope of winning the championship. As history has proven, however, no matter how good a player is, he cannot win the championship alone.

Michael Jordan did not win a championship until his seventh year in the league, when Scottie Pippen arrived and helped the Bulls become a historic and impressive dynasty. Kobe Bryant could not have won without a legitimate big-man and Paul Pierce could not have succeeded without Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett. Should we really blame LeBron for choosing to be with two other superstars also at the peak of their careers? They are certainly more valuable to LeBron than a power forward like Antwan Jamison, who was destroyed in the playoffs by Kevin Garnett. I would rather take Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade any day of the week.

If it was not for "The Decision" AKA the most boring, self-serving hour in television history, which raised three million dollars for the Boys and Girls Club, I do not think people would make a big deal out of LeBron coming to Miami. Why do we criticize LeBron for making the same move the "Big 3" made in Boston during the 2008 season? Look how that turned out. I support LeBron's decision. I can completely see his point of view. He doesn't want to end up like Charles Barkley: ringless. He wants to be considered one of the best players to ever play the game of basketball, and everyone knows that the only way you can prove your dominance is by leading your team to a championship. He obviously knows that the decision to join the Miami Heat could come back to haunt him if he doesn't win any rings while with that team. If he does, though, I don't see how he wouldn't be considered among the top players to have ever played the game.

To be considered one of the league's top players despite having such great amounts of help from teammates is certainly difficult. But it certainly did not stop players like Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or Kevin McHale. In my opinion, LeBron choosing Miami Heat over any other team means that he wants to win. There are many people who say he took the easy way out. If LeBron, did not choose Miami, however, he would end up without a ring and with terrible knees by the age of 32 (see Vince Carter). Since LeBron did choose Miami, he has the opportunity to win several rings and be a part of one of the most exciting teams in league history. As long as they play unselfishly and live up to their promise to be the best defensive team in league history, I'll have fun watching them make ridiculous chase-down blocks and double alley-oops in the National Basketball Association (NBA) Finals for the next six years.

No

By Kevin McCann, II

Contributing Writer

LeBron James' "Decision" to move from the Cleveland, his hometown, to the star-studded Miami Heat on July 8, 2010 shocked the world. Having been drafted in '03 by the Cavaliers, he had said again and again that he wanted to stay in Cleveland for the entirety of his career. The more LeBron played in Cleveland, the more general manager Dan Gilbert tried to build a championship team around him and the more the city of Cleveland adored him. Gilbert brought in one of the greatest big men of all time, Shaquille O'Neal, and a perennial All-Star, Antwan Jamison. Having been deprived of a championship in any sport for eons, Cleveland was excited that "King James" would finally bring them a NBA title. However, this was clearly not the meant to be. As the years progressed the Cavaliers kept letting down its fans time after time in the playoffs. With LeBron under ever-mounting pressure due to his inability to lead his team to a title, he decided to leave the Cavs, devastating his long time fans in the town of Akron, the city of Cleveland, and the entire United States of America.

LeBron's decision to play for the Miami Heat with two of the best players in the league is an utter aberration. For decades now, sports have been based on pure competition, taking out and defeating every opponent you play and not stopping until you do so. If you lose to your opponent, you do not just sit around and cry about it; you shake it off and wait for the next opportunity to defeat them. There is no satisfaction in winning a title if you have to have two of the best players in the league on your side. LeBron's decision to play for the Heat has severely tarnished his reputation, as he is now just another player that can win an NBA title, not a player that can carry his team on his shoulders to the pinnacle of NBA greatness. It would seem LeBron simply can't mentally and emotionally handle doing it himself, as several sportscasters noted after his implosion in two recent postseason runs. When Charles Barkley failed to win an NBA title on numerous occasions, he did not leave the Houston Rockets to find an All-Star team with which he could finally earn that glory; he wanted to have the self-satisfaction of leading his team to the top of the basketball world. Now, LeBron is no longer "King James." He is just part of an exciting trio that may possibly win an NBA title or two.

LeBron's decision to go to the Heat is slowly legitimatizing an atmosphere characterized by a lack of competitiveness in the NBA. If players cannot win NBA titles with their own teams while putting up big numbers, they can just earn a huge contract with another team and slowly bring in the All-Stars so they can finally gain the title. LeBron James, who is gradually becoming the face of the NBA as he approaches the prime of his career, should not need a former NBA champion in Dwayne Wade and an All-Star in Chris Bosh in order to win a title. He should have the motivation, the drive, and the talent to do it by himself. In this day and age, if one of the best basketball players in the world is defined by the cliché, "if you can't beat them, join them," where is the world headed?

Spotlight
Kenneth Terry



By Nick D'Agostino, I

Contributing Writer

He is a man of many names. Kenneth. Zacharius. Robert. Terry. But for the first ten years of our friendship, he was known only as "Z." Son of the great Kenneth and Lisa Terry, he was raised in Hyde Park and was the first person I knew to have a Sega. Kenneth and I go way back. Maybe too far back. All the way to pre-K in Miss Suman's class. In case you are wondering, he has always been like this: abrasive, outgoing friendly, loud, and unable to spell (in third grade he asked me how to spell "who" and I still don't think he can do it).

But all kidding aside, Kenneth is a good kid and a great friend. There was only a two year window in my entire life where I did not see Kenneth Terry on a regular basis. So needless to say I think I know the kid pretty well at this point. He's a very energetic kid who is eager to have fun and is always there to crack a joke, which usually involves "that's what she said", or something about being a bro, or impersonating Chris Rock or Dave Chappelle. The best way by far to describe him has to be just Kenneth being Kenneth. But there is another side to him. The side not everyone gets to see and I was lucky enough to get to know.

Kenneth isn't just a crazy kid who tries to be funny all the time. He is also a very loyal friend and a very determined guy all around. And when he wants something, he will work as hard as he can to get it. The best example of this has been his contribution to the BLS football team. Number twenty-four has been on the football team since eighth grade and continues to dish out devastating hits from the outside linebacker and fullback positions and scored the only touchdown in the win over Bedford. He has been a major part of the team for his entire high school career and will continue this trend through the Thanksgiving game vs. Boston English.

In a nutshell, Kenneth is a good kid. And once we all go our separate ways after this year, I am going to miss the big guy. Especially the random, unannounced visits to my house in the middle of the summer, the awkward situations he has put me in over the years, but most of all just the wild antics he performs on a day-to-day basis. So if you somehow don't know Kenneth, you should get to know him while you still have the chance.

SPORTS

Was Moss a Loss?

By **SOPHIA SIRAGE, I**
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To New England Patriots fans, he is known as No. 81, “Sticky Fingers” and the “One-Hand Man.” Said to be the greatest wide receiver of all time by avid football fans, Randy Moss was unfortunately traded by the Patriots on October 6, 2010 to the Minnesota Vikings. Drafted by the Vikings back in 1998 from Notre Dame, Moss has been nothing but magic for the teams in which he has played. With seven Pro Bowl selections, an Offensive Rookie of the year nod and membership in the National Football League’s most recent All-Decade team among his accomplishments, there is no doubt that this trade was a big move in the eyes of the football world. The multi-million dollar question still remains: was it a good trade?

For New England fans, Deion

Branch seems to be everything that Randy Moss was and a bag of chips. Already proving himself, Branch was able to push through the Baltimore Ravens’ resilient defense, stack seven receptions for 75 yards and make key touchdowns in both the fourth quarter and overtime during the Patriots-Ravens game this past Sunday that resulted in a win. He has played previously for the Patriots from 2002 to 2005, and with them, he was able to acquire rings in back-to-back seasons. Branch is happy to be a Patriot, and the Patriots are more than happy to have him back.

In Minnesota, after waiting his entire career for the wide receiver of his dreams, quarterback Brett Favre could not be any happier to finally have Moss on the team. Joining a previously lethargic Vikings offense, Moss can now allow for the line of scrimmage to be opened up and taken over by players such as Visanthe

Shaincoe and running back Adrian Peterson. Favre himself, though 41 years of age, is amped to welcome a fellow shot of energy to the roster. As seen in the recent Cowboys-Vikings game, Moss has not shown any changes to his game. He is still driven to do nothing but impress and prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that he deserves the title of the greatest receiver of all time.

Entering the seventh week of regular season football, it is a bit unclear as to which team will benefit the most from their new acquisition. The Pats stand tall at second in their division (4-1), while the Vikings are just third in theirs (2-3). With rather difficult schedules up ahead and an upcoming game between the two at the end of this month, one thing is for sure: these two “Super Bowl-hungry” teams are ready to play their best, regardless of who they face.

BLS Golf Is Last But Not Least

By **COLIN MURPHY, II**
STAFF WRITER

“It doesn’t matter if we win, as long as we’re having fun.” This has been the motto of the Boston Latin School Golf squad for years now and they have no problem fulfilling it. With a perfect mix of veteran leadership and dangerous youth on the team this year, the squad seemed to finally have the ability to crack one win. Though they came up short, there were still plenty of great moments throughout the season.

Coach Kevin Bernazzani could not be prouder despite the squad’s battle with adversity. “Although our record might not show it, the team definitely improved this year and we were much more competitive. We had a few close matches at the beginning of the season and really worked hard to get better throughout the season.” Captains Brian Mylett (I), Mark Monday (I) and Jake Urso (I) gave the team veteran lead-

ership that truly showed out on the links. Coach Bernazzani praised his captains as they helped show the younger players the way to keep the Boston Latin School Golf tradition strong: “Senior captains Brian Mylett, Mark Monday and Jake Urso really provided a valuable resource to me this year and it’s going to be tough to lose them, but I know that they are all going to do great next year in college. I hope that wherever Jake goes to school, they will know that he is the real Minnesota Miracle Man.” Mylett also added, “I’ve had some of the best moments of my life on this team and I’m going to miss it so much when I’m not here next year.” Fellow seniors Matt Kehoe (I), Gordon Hall (I) and John McGrath (I) also stepped up and helped the team with great commitment every time they set foot on the course. “Matt Kehoe and John McGrath came in as seniors and immediately grabbed starting spots; their good humor and great attitude

will be missed. Gordon Hall was a two year starter and it will hurt to lose him because he always came to the matches ready and played hard.” Newcomers Emily Berardi (I) and Emily Burns (I) also impacted the team. Coach Bernazzani praised their play stating, “The key additions of Emily Burns and Emily Berardi were substantial to the success we had this season. They have a bright future in golf ahead of them. Berardi is looking to play college golf, either D3 or D2.” The team looks to succeed next year despite losing its senior leadership. When asked about the future, Golf Coach Bernazzani said, “Ryan “The Future” Dougherty (III) will look to lead a young team next year and I think he will be very capable of doing so. He improved greatly from his freshman to sophomore year, and I think the sky is the limit as far as his golfing abilities. The future is bright for the BLS golf team, and I look forward to the 2011 campaign.”

No Shirts, No Shoes, No Prob

By **CAITLIN WALSH, I**
A&E EDITOR

For the past six years, I have had the pleasure of swimming under the guidance of the legendary Bruce Conley on a team that I shall never forget in my life. Sometimes, it feels like we go “under the radar”—after all, our meets do not draw quite the crowd that those Friday night football games do. Those who do know a thing or two about the girls’ swim team, however, know that we have never been half-bad. We hold our own. This year, we are possibly the best we have been.

“The team this year is filled with a great group of hardworking girls,” says Sarah Stutman (I), one of the many great leaders for the 2010 season. Joining her are many seniors, including Caitlin Walsh (I) (yours truly), Molly Sullivan (I), Deirdre Buckley (I), Laura DiNardo (I), Rory O’Donnell (I), Anya Gorny (I), Kylie Nagle (I), Nora Doherty (I), Claudia Kenneally (I), Vivian Nguyen (I), Abby Searles (I) and Elizabeth Reardon (I), just to name a few. With such enthusiastic leaders, it is hard not to love this year’s team. “We just have fun; it’s as simple as that,” says Stutman, affectionately referred to by her teammates as “Sassy.”

This year’s team is filled with a

number of powerhouse newcomers as well. Morgan Spaulding (V) has proved her backstroke as a force to be reckoned with. Nora Cameron (V) has also made her mark this year, and so have the Desisto twins, Camille (V) and Isabelle (V). As Molly “Sully” Sullivan would say, “The



SENIOR SWIMMERS DOING SWIMMINGLY WELL

babies are taking over!”

Some veterans are still leaving their legacies behind. For the past four years, the 200-yard free-relay team consisting of Claudia Kenneally (I), Sarah Stutman (I), Laura DiNardo (I) and Michaela Jones (III) has dedicated sweat and tears in order to make the State Championship Meet in November. They rank with the best of the best in the great state of Massachusetts. With three-fourths of the team leaving this year, they have worked even harder if possible to do it again this season for one last “hurrah.” In November, they will make the history books, at least Bruce Conley’s books, anyway. Also, returning underclassmen Sally Wu

(IV), Michaela Harrington (IV), Michelle Shen (V) and Maddie Kilgannon (IV) are continuing to make names for themselves, proving to be potential legendary team leaders in the future.

Behind the scenes, there are plenty of names to be noted. This year’s team prides itself on spirit. We are an energetic and bonded bunch. Ciara Murphy (II), Aisling Kerr (II) and Delia Ridge Creamer (II) provide constant energy and entertainment to the team; there is never a dull moment around these three members. “What’s there to say? It’s a good environment, especially this year. The team’s more unified than ever,” says Murphy (II). It can be said with confidence that the team will be left in good hands after our departure.

Still, 2011 is a class that will certainly never be forgotten by Bruce Conley—or, that is what we would like to think. We have given our hearts to this team and have formed a rare bond, rich in loyalty that cannot be beat. Life-lasting friendships and inspiring lectures from one of the greatest coaches we will ever encounter are only some of the things we will take away. The awful chlorine smell that takes too many showers to remove will not last us too much longer, but the memories we have made will last forever.

As for the rest of the team? They will make their own memories and leave their own marks. And, of course, we will come to check in every once in a while. They will never get rid of 2011.

Spotlight

Jonlyn Englert



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By **ELEANOR HARTE, I**
STAFF WRITER

Found somewhere on the mean streets of Rozzi is Jonlyn “D-Money” Englert. Since infancy, she has been draining 3s, hitting homeruns, and scoring hat tricks with ease. Even today she can be found performing these impressive feats in school or wreaking havoc in her native Roslindale.

I have known Jonlyn Englert since I was four years old. We have gone to school together for 14 years now, and she has been my best friend as long as I care to remember. Over the entirety of our friendship, she has been the most athletically-inclined girl that I know. In first grade, she won the “Most Athletic” award to prove it. In elementary school, she was the girl who could never hang out because she always had a game, a practice, or both. She still is.

Jonlyn entered Boston Latin School in the seventh grade, and she quickly became a force to be reckoned with. In fact, she joined the Junior Varsity soccer team in August, before she even began attending BLS. That same year, she made the Freshman basketball team and the JV softball team. She quickly moved through the ranks of all three teams and eventually arrived at where every athlete wants to be: the top. Not only is she one of the few senior girls who plays three sports, but she is also captain of all three of her teams. I think it is safe to say that Jonlyn is not only one of the most prominent athletes of our senior class, but of all of the classes in recent memory. She has spent so much of her Latin School career on the playing field and she has so much to show for it that there is no doubt that the time spent has been worth it.

Jonlyn is not just focused on her athletics. She is also incredibly hardworking off the field. We have only had one class at BLS together, but it is clear that she is diligent in every one of her scholastic pursuits. She has been in the percussion section of the band since Sixie year. She is truly a loyal friend; she has always been there to lend a hand to anyone. She is hilarious and can always make people laugh.

Jonlyn wants to pursue a career in the medical field, and I know that she will be incredibly successful. She is one of the most caring people I know, and I think she is well-known for this. Regardless of what she chooses to do, I know that Jonlyn will be doing even bigger and greater things in the years to come.

SPORTS

Can't Stop, Won't Stop

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The start to this year's football season at Boston Latin School was not ideal. With losses on all three levels both at home and away, the team did not come out of the gate as hot as they would have liked. Yet at 2-5 and with one of the best defenses in the Dual County League, the boys are more competitive this year in the DCL than in recent years past.

Unfortunately, health has also been an issue. Linebacker Gabe "Goggles" Calmon (I), one of the toughest kids BLS football has ever seen, has been playing the last few games with a back injury and has still been dominating. Brendan Casey (I) is also a defensive powerhouse, but suffers from bad knees. Other players, such as Dylan Chung (I) and Jhalen Bien-Aime (III), have also had their fair share of minor injuries. Even so, BLS has proved



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itself as a gritty and relentless squad by manning up and playing through a variety of handicaps, from Chung not being able to kick to Casey being incapacitated by the aftereffects of some chicken sandwiches.

Don't be fooled, this is a strong

team, even if the record might show otherwise. "The team has been playing hard but we're just not getting the breaks we need. We just need a few more kids to step up, and we'll be fine for the upcoming games," remarks Calmon. Several key role players have stepped

up to become big factors, like tight end Mike McDonough (I). Kenneth Terry (I) gave one of, if not the best, showing of his career in a 9-6 win over Bedford, racking up 80 rushing yards and the only BLS touchdown. Chung kicked a 40-yard game-winning fieldgoal. Young talents including quarterback Miles Wright (III) and running back Jhalen Bien-Aime (III) have also played key roles this season, as they will for several upcoming years.

Win or lose, it is impossible to question the team's unwavering work ethic. The whole team works in practice, from the stars to the players that rarely get off the bench. Gabe Diop (I) says that "Players like Kevin Gribaudo (I) should not be overlooked. He is the reason that I make it through the three hour practices every day."

BLS football has been the butt of many jokes in recent, win-deprived years. But make no mistake; this is a tight-knit, hard-working and fully dedicated family of athletes with one clear goal: win.

Cheerleaders Getting in the Zone

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How do Boston Latin School's cheerleaders find the time to balance their athletics and academics? Amidst more than ten hours of grueling practice per week, cheering on the beloved football team on Friday nights, weekend visits to the gym, looming competitions and the occasional spirit bag, they barely have time for themselves as it is.

Like most athletes at BLS, the cheerleaders pour nearly all of their extra time into games and practices. Setting out to make a name for themselves this year at the Dual County League championship, they have made their practices more rigorous and time consuming than ever. For most of us, the 2:15 P.M. bell signifies the end of a long day. At 2:15 P.M., however, the cheerleaders' work is just beginning.

From Monday to Friday, the cheerleaders spend close to three hours in the gym, tirelessly perfecting jumps, stunts and routines. Led by Captains Marie Kelly (I), Becca Jackson (I) and Ashleigh "AP" Primack (II), the squad is focused on dominating the DCL championship with hopes of qualifying for future competitions. Going up against schools like rival Westford Academy, the girls are intensely preparing for a tough competition under Coach Shana Melcher (Class of '06).

Despite such an overwhelming schedule, the cheerleaders are still held to the same academic standards as the rest of the student body. Thanks to a popular new program known as "The Zone," this

year's squad is just as academically sound as it is physically conditioned. Administered by Tufts graduate Joe Cappellano, "The Zone," located in Room 322, is designed to aid scholar-athletes. "The Zone" provides a space for athletes to complete work, participate in athlete-to-athlete mentoring and seek outside tutoring. While this room is open to athletes during study periods, do not be fooled. "The Zone" is not just an excuse to cop out of having to do work in study. While "The Zone" allows for peer tutoring and group work, it is not the place to hang out and talk about last night's episode of the Jersey Shore. Two days a week, the cheerleaders are required to report to "The Zone" for a study hall before practice. This time allows for the cheerleaders to get a jumpstart on their homework. "Sometimes we don't get out of practice until after eight, and by the time we get home all we want to do is sleep," admitted Bethany Castellano (II). "If anyone doesn't understand homework, there's always other girls who know how to help." This way, the cheerleaders are able to use each others' strengths to make up for any individual's weakness, exercising the very basis of teamwork.



THE CHEERLEADERS STRUT THEIR STUFF

In coming together to help each other on schoolwork, the cheerleaders develop as individuals as well as a functioning unit. "It's great being able to have a good practice without the anticipation of a long night of homework. It has all the resources we need to complete an assignment," says Casey Gover (II). "By getting some homework out of the way, it's a lot easier to shake off the stress of school and focus on what needs to get done during

practice," adds Ruby Rollins (II). In a sport that calls for complicated routines and dangerous stunts, there is no room for slacking off at practice. When hurling a teammate several feet in the air, it is probably better to not be preoccupied with worries about school.

With competitions right around the corner and a growing practice schedule, it is crunch time for the cheerleading squad. Wolfpack, put your paws up!

(Volley)Ballers Head for State Tournament

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The end of October is here again, and the girls' volleyball team is in its usual position, anticipating the end of their regular season and preparing for the exciting postseason. In what has come to be nearly a custom here at Boston Latin School, the dedicated and delightful (volley)ballers, a team of six seniors, six juniors and a single sophomore, have once again shown that they are not to be underestimated. As Rachel Wolsfelt (II) calls herself and her graceful teammates, "The Princesses of the Upper Gym" got

off to a great start in September, flaunting their shiny new uniforms, and even more importantly, winning their first five games. In those five games, "The Westie Girls," Courtney Hoban, Chloe Lane, Laura Sullivan and Molly McCormick (all Class II), teamed up with their best friends, "The Townie Towers," Claire Zimmerman (also Class II) and Wolsfelt to lead the Wolfpack to crushing victories over anyone who dared to cross their path. They have dominated Needham High School, Boston Latin Academy, Arlington High School, Wayland High School and the ever-hated Acton-Boxboro High School. Midway through the promising season, the team suffered a serious blow when their

star setter, senior Sophia Trinh (I), injured her ankle during the game against Newton South High School. Another senior, Thu Tran (I), quickly stepped up to the position, one that she had never played before, and has been doing an outstanding job. Captains Zimmerman and Hoban, both juniors, have been motivating the girls to keep going, leading them to pick up a few more wins through late September and early October. Bella Coyne (II) has remained a dedicated fan throughout the season, coming to support the team in 11 of their 14 games. She commented on their success, "Even though I tried out for the team in August and got cut, I still wanted to show my support for this amazing team.

They all have such chemistry on the court; watching them play is like watching a Broadway show. It is a truly inspirational performance. It's no wonder their season has gotten off to such a great start."

The team's standing record is 8-6. With one more win, the team will be eligible for the State Tournament. Last year, the girls lost their first game of the play-offs to Brookline High School. Though devastated about the loss at the time, the girls have used the defeat as a learning experience and as serious motivation to make sure to uphold the Latin name this season. There is no doubt that these girls seek to wreak havoc in the postseason this year.

SPORTS

Moving On Up

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The bench clears as the Boston Latin School Varsity soccer team runs onto the field to celebrate. In years past, our team would not have stood a chance against the Lincoln-Sudbury High School powerhouse, but this season is like no other. The hard work of the players, coaches and managers has made all the boys' soccer team a fearful opponent throughout the Dual County League. The Varsity squad not only tied with Lincoln-Sudbury, who is ranked second in the state, but also tied the defending state champions, Catholic Memorial High School, at Clemente field with a great crowd to cheer them on from the sideline. The game ended 2-2, after 90 minutes of powerful shots, amazing goals, breathtaking saves, violent tackles and cheers from the crowd of students on the sideline, orchestrated by Ms. Maund. These accomplishments did not come easily. Joining the soccer team, Varsity or Junior Varsity, girls or boys, is a huge commitment. Games are played on school nights all over the state, and practices continue into the weekend. The effort and hard work put into the team

by each player creates something very special. For Boy's Varsity, the result was an opportunity to compete in the play-offs. Their dreams were taken away after a heartbreaking loss to Westford Academy, despite a great goal from Andre Simpson (I). They certainly would not have been able to reach this point if it had not been for the dedication from Coaches Jason, David, Ben and Soorena. They led the team to countless victories and deserve gratitude for working hard on bringing the team to its full potential.

The Boston Herald has even recognized the team for its success. In a recent issue, Ryan Connelly (I) and Nacho Farias (I) were identified as two of the league's leading goal scorers. It states the number of goals they each have, but no words or

numbers can express the skill demonstrated by the players. Defenders are not known for their goal scoring, but their strength in the back; Owen Ward (IV)

it. Jake Goldklang (I), a dynamic player known for his life-ending tackles, states, "We were a strong team this year and I was really impressed with our performance."

Many people would agree with Jake, as this season was definitely one to be remembered. Many players on the Varsity squad will be graduating, but the team will continue to thrive in years to come with players like Nuri Al-Hakim (III), Cole Rainey-Slavick (IV), and Andrey Blidman (III).

From The Boston Herald to the halls of Boston Latin School, the boys' soccer team has received commendation for a season well played. And in return, they would like to say thank you. Thanks

to everyone who came to watch a match, or even wished one of the players good luck for a tough game. The season is now over, but the players will look back and remember how much fun they had with a soccer ball, two goals and a great group of guys.



VARSITY SQUAD PREPARES FOR BIG GAME AGAINST CATHOLIC MEMORIAL

is a clear example. With players to pass to like Cillian Clinton (III) and Malcolm Kapuza (I), the ball often makes its way up the field and finds itself in the back of the net quickly and efficiently.

For seniors, dreams for the playoffs have ended. But the season was well worth

Runaway Success

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Five kilometers. 3.1 miles. That is the distance of a cross-country race. For the average person, running a three-mile race is grueling, and it is something that you never want to do if you can avoid it. For the members of the Boston Latin School Cross-Country team, however, it is simply what they do. The team is coached by Michael Meagher, who has a great deal of experience in the running world. This year's team, however, is different from the teams of previous years. It is led by many powerful seniors who have been training together for many years, and they are finally ready to make a name for themselves in the extremely competitive Dual County League. The boys' team, led by

captains Nicholas D'Agostino (I), Miles Grover (I) and Brian Mahoney (I), is taking strides to make this the best cross-country team in years. Mahoney has recognized how far this team has come,



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and how far it has the potential to go. "The record books don't show the true

progress and improvement by the team," Mahoney said. "It is true that we still have a way to go, but we've made great strides this past season." The girls' team is also senior-heavy with captains Kathleen Mello (I), Elza Lambers (I), Tiffany Fonseca (I), Cindy Guan (I), Caitlyn Pearson (I) and Kelsey Stappen (I) leading the pack.

With many races still ahead, the team has already made impressive showings at both the Bay State Invitational and the Catholic Memorial Invitational and is ready to go even further. These performances, along with wins over Bedford High School and Waltham High School, have made this team a competitive one. They are aiming for a good showing at the Eastern Massachusetts State Meet, followed by some runners even going to All-States. A strong performance at All-States is expected for the powerhouse girls team captains

Elza Lambers and Kathleen Mello, more commonly known as Elzleen Lello. "Our whole team has worked really hard this season, and we want to prove to the whole state that we can compete with the best of them," says Mello. The seniors who have dedicated a great deal of time and energy to this team have some nostalgia. As surprising as it may seem, they will miss the cross-country team at Boston Latin School, the personal records (PRs), the home course at Franklin Park and most importantly, the karaoke bus rides.

The team is not only made up of seniors, but also of some young guns. The most well-known is "Sixie" Mike Ward (III), who has been a dedicated BLS runner since entering the school and has the potential to be one of the better runners in the state over the next few years. What has made this year one of the strongest is the large number of young athletes on the team. With so much young talent, the team will go from good to great. With the help of future stars for both the boys and girls teams, this cross-country team will be a good one for years to come.

"Miner" Sports News

To all of those Chilean Miners who need to be caught up on the world of sports:

India hosted the XIX Commonwealth Games, the largest sporting competition to ever take place in that area of the world. We're sure it was a blast.

Tiger Woods is expected to drop from his throne of No. 1 ranked golfer in the world, lost to some random British guy.

The U.S. Open was held in New York, which is ironic because no good tennis players are actually from the U.S.

Red Sox owner, John Henry, purchased the Liverpool FC. The Liverpool FC is a soccer team.

St. Georges Academy of Rhode Island decided to forfeit to a Massachusetts high school football team for safety reasons. The other team was a lot bigger.

There is not a single undefeated National Football League team at this point in the season. However, the Bills and the Panthers still suck.

Japan beat America in the Little League World Series, ending our legendary five year reign.

In NASCAR, nothing special happened.

Upcoming Home Games:

October 26 4:00PM	Girls Volleyball	vs.	Waltham
October 26 4:00PM	Girls Swimming	vs.	TBA
October 27 4:00PM	Girls Soccer	vs.	Waltham
October 29 4:00PM	Boys Soccer	vs.	Lincoln Sudbury
October 29 TBA	Cross Country		DCL Championships
November 12 6:30PM	Boys Football	vs.	Lincoln Sudbury